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HEADLONG RETREAT OF ITALIANS REPORTED

GRAVE
INDO-CHINA
TURMOIL

Serious disturbances in Indo-China were mentioned by the announcer on Lyons radio last night.

He said that clashes had occurred recently in Saigon and in seven provinces between the armed forces and demonstrators said to be Communists.

It was added that damage was done to civil administrative and private buildings. A number of bridges were destroyed and communications cut.

Order was restored by soldiers, police and marines but there were wounded on both sides.

Measures taken by the local Government, the announcer concluded, have resulted in the suppression of these "subversive movements." — Reuter.

British Command
Swift To Exploit
Sidi Barrani Coup

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent In The Western Desert)

THE BRITISH OFFENSIVE IN THE WESTERN DESERT OF EGYPT IS DEVELOPING SO FAST THAT RUMOURS OF A HEADLONG ITALIAN RETREAT ARE CIRCULATING IN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA.

It is realised that the communiques from British General Headquarters tend to minimise our successes rather than make claims until they have been confirmed beyond doubt.

It is thus reasonable to suppose that the figure of 20,000 prisoners given in the latest communiqué is an under-estimate.

The speed of the offensive has meant that communiques have hardly been issued before a fresh important advance and captures are taking place.

GREEKS SMASH
COUNTER-ATTACKS

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent in Greece)

THE GREEK ARMY CONTINUES TO RETAIN THE INITIATIVE; ALL ALONG THE 80-MILE BATTLE FRONT IT IS FIGHTING SUCCESSFULLY AND ALL ITALIAN COUNTER-ATTACKS HAVE BEEN REPULSED.

The left wing of the Greek army, according to the Greek spokesman in Athens last night, is continuing its advance towards Chima, coastal town on the Adriatic, 20 miles north of Santi Quaranta.

Further to the right the Italians at some places put up very stiff resistance before they were finally dislodged from their positions with heavy losses.

The Italians employed crack Alpine corps in keen fighting in the coastal sector around Tepelini, where a colonel is understood to have been killed and many of his men taken prisoner.

Greek troops, taking advantage of the Italian retreat from Argirokastro, have advanced along the hills bordering the Drinos Valley and are now approaching Tepelini.

The rhythm of the battle is being much slowed by snow, blizzards and bitter cold. — Reuter.

CHINA
CONTRACT
WITH SOVIET

China has signed a contract with Soviet Russia by which China will deliver during the coming year \$100,000 worth of tea to Russia, according to an official announcement in Chungking yesterday. — Reuter.

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U-BOATS?

An allegation that German submarines are being provisioned off the shores of Cuba by ships of a neutral country calling at Havana was made in the Cuban House of Representatives yesterday.

The allegation was made by Senor Chibas, in a speech supporting a motion to send Congressional felicitations to President Roosevelt on his re-election.

Senor Chibas accused "Fifth Columnists" of attacking the diplomatic residence of a great friendly power and stealing documents from there.

Senor Chibas did not name the friendly power concerned. — Reuter.

Kent
Air Battle

Four British fighters shot down three German aircraft yesterday morning when small formations of enemy fighters and fighter-bombers crossed the Kent coast flying towards London.

The raiders dropped a small number of bombs on the outskirts of the London area; the

Air Ministry announces. The bombs did little damage and caused only a few casualties.

One German bomber was also shot down off the southwest coast yesterday morning, and one was destroyed during Wednesday night.

In all these operations British fighters suffered no loss. — Reuter.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present-day refrigerator, embodies three types of cold and two distinct preservation processes.

Three separate compartments in the new unit combine three types of cold to dry all-purpose compartments to maintain freshness of such foods as butter, milk, berries, the second compartment being designed to generate a low cold for cooked meats, fruits, vegetables, retaining their original flavour and vitamins.

The third compartment is powered by cold air for quick freezing and is designed for frozen foods and desserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Moist Cold Shelf. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

East African Shock

For months Italian morale in East Africa has been bolstered up by the empty assurance that Mussolini's army was ready to march to the Nile Delta at any moment and open up the Suez Canal.

But if the British offensive continues as satisfactorily as at present, the Italian army in Abyssinia, it is suggested, may throw up the sponge because of pressure being exerted by British forces already hammering at the frontier.

Details of the operations which enabled British motorised divisions to penetrate to the coast and cut off the Italian forces in the Sidi Barrani area were revealed last night.

Harassing Tactics

From the moment in September when Marshal Graziani's troops reached Sidi Barrani, a famous mechanised regiment was given special instructions to harass the enemy at a specified point and prevent them from completing the line of camps stretching from the coast to their southernmost camp.

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Italian 'Planes And Hangars Left As Shattered Wrecks

Air Force Part In Triumph: Troops In High Spirits

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Army of the Nile)

DESPITE DAYS OF GRUELING FIGHTING — SOME OF WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THICK SANDSTORMS — THE ADVANCE BRITISH TROOPS ARE NOW IN THE HIGHEST SPIRITS, JUBILANT AT THE SUCCESSES ACHIEVED AFTER MONTHS OF WAITING.

It is now possible to give a detailed account of the course of the action, outstanding feature of which has been the clockwork co-ordination of the activities of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The British advance against the Italians has been similar in method to the German advance in France. They have executed a swift extensive flanking movement, encircling one enemy position after another.

The Air Force concentrated on keeping Italian bombers and fighters out of the air by incessantly bombing and machine-gunning aerodromes.

The dull monotonous booming of the guns of the British Fleet many miles away is clearly audible here. The warships are pounding Italian coastal positions.

Bitter And Ruthless

The battle for Sidi Barrani has been bitter and ruthless.

Eventual outcome of the present operations is impossible to forecast because of the rapidity with which the situation is changing.

But the positive balance already achieved by the British is, as one officer expressed it, the capture of "many prisoners" together with huge quantities of war materials, most of which are in excellent condition.

Artillery, infantry, armoured forces and the Navy all contributed to the 12-hour bombardment of Sidi Barrani, while the R.A.F. part was to bomb it for 16 hours almost continuously on Monday.

Black Shirts Fight Hard

Severe casualties were inflicted on the Black Shirt divisions, nevertheless they offered fierce resistance to the British onslaughts.

Despite a dust storm which persisted throughout Wednesday, making parts of the desert, including aerodromes, look like London in a pea-soup fog, the R.A.F. flew out unceasingly on their harassing tasks.

TURKEY'S ECONOMIC POWER

"THE ECONOMIC STRENGTH OF TURKEY HAS ASSUMED SUCH A MAGNITUDE THAT IT MAY WELL INFLUENCE THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE WORLD STRUGGLE."

So declared the Turkish Prime Minister, Dr. Saydam, speaking on the anniversary of National Economy Week, according to Ankara radio yesterday.

Dr. Saydam pointed out that the struggle between the nations had changed from a military act of fighting pure and simple to a war waged on economic staying power.

He continued: "Our position is far superior to that of 1914, both in industry and agriculture, and our financial position is strong.

"We continue to place confidence in the economic power of our country." — Reuter.

Eton College Attacked

Eton College, most famous of English schools, which was founded 500 years ago by Henry VI, twice in recent weeks has been the victim of enemy bombers.

In the first raid over 200 incendiaries were dropped on the College, six buildings of which were set on fire. The school A.R.P. staff extinguished the fires.

In the second raid two high explosive bombs which fell on the College damaged historical buildings, including the Upper School and College Chapel. — Reuter.

T.V. SOONG MAY GO TO ENGLAND

MR. T. V. SOONG, FORMER FINANCE MINISTER, IS EXPECTED IN WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS IN CHUNGKING TO VISIT LONDON SHORTLY IN ORDER TO CONDUCT THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE NEW CREDITS TO CHINA WHICH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IT IS WILLING TO EXTEND.

The same quarters state that Mr. Soong is at present negotiating with the United States, presumably in connection with United States credits to China.

The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, is expected to remain in Chungking while the London negotiations are in progress. — Reuter.

SUBSIDY FOR SHEEP FARMERS

Hill sheep farmers in the United Kingdom are to receive a special subsidy supplement in this year's returns, it was announced in the Commons yesterday by Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister for Scotland. The subsidy will be half a crown in respect of each breeding ewe. — Reuter.

GOOD SENTIMENT ON STOCK MARKET

The capture of Sidi Barrani created a good sentiment on the London Stock Exchange yesterday but apart from a few instances business was small. Kaffirs, especially smaller priced issues, were popular among local operators and oils were again in the limelight. Anglo-Iranians advanced over 3/- to 40/- Industrials generally were steady. Sudan plantations, however, were in demand and shares improved from 23/- to 25/-. Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

Danes To Build New Hamburg

A large part of the rebuilding of Hamburg may be done by Danes — the German official news agency yesterday mentioned a plan to use Danish architects, engineers and workmen for this purpose.

Successful negotiations are stated to have taken place between the Hamburg and Danish authorities and in the New Year about 1,000 Danish workmen will go to Hamburg.

Twenty-two Danish firms have taken part in the negotiations.

Military targets in the Hamburg area have been the objectives of frequent attacks by the R.A.F. — Reuter.

R.A.F. RETAINS MASTERY OF THE AIR

REPORTS RECEIVED in London last night indicated that over 20,000 Italians have been taken prisoner in the Western Desert so far, and a general retreat seems to be under way, with the British attacking the Fascists in a triple-effort — with land troops on the ground, bombers and machine-guns from the air, and shells from naval guns from the Mediterranean.

Many prisoners, including hundreds of officers and three generals, have been taken all over the theatre of operations, together with much equipment, including guns and tanks.

The generals include one Corps Commander and two General Officers Commanding Divisions. These are in addition to the General in charge of a flying column who was killed on Monday.

The R.A.F. is sustaining practically no losses and is maintaining the mastery of the air established on first day of the attack.

Hour by hour, British pilots go out to bring grim destruction down on Graziani's army.

Meanwhile, light and heavy units of the Royal Navy are shelling the Italian line of retreat, including a heavy bombardment of two food points — Sollum and Bardia.

The Admiralty says that to far these ships have sustained neither damage nor casualties. — Reuter.



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HEAVY LOSS TO THE EMPIRE

Lord Lothian's Sudden Death Causes Deep Shock



Taken at a review of the Home Guard River Patrol on the upper reaches of the Thames at Wargrave, photo shows left to right, Sir Ralph Glynn, M.P., Admiral Sir Basil Brooke (who is Chief Commander of the River Guard), and Vice Admiral W.T. James. (Copyright, Fox.)

SEVERE NAZI AIR RAID ON BIRMINGHAM

THE NAZI AIR ATTACK ON THE BIRMINGHAM AREA, WHICH WAS THE FIRST FOR OVER A WEEK, WAS VERY SEVERE; SIX CHURCHES, 11 SCHOOLS AND TWO CINEMAS WERE AMONG BUILDINGS HIT AND THERE WAS ALSO DAMAGE TO HOUSE PROPERTY IN A NUMBER OF DISTRICTS.

Although casualties included some fatalities, they are not believed to be heavy, considering the scale of the attack.

GERM OF CIVIL WAR IN FRANCE

"Anyone who thinks that the de Gaulle movement is just a matter of a few rebel generals, knows little of the situation," declared the Paris correspondent of the Madrid newspaper "A" yesterday.

The correspondent continues that General de Gaulle's movement represents considerably more. It gives energy to the germ of civil war which is hatching in France and which only the German army of occupation forestalls."

The correspondent also adds that surprise is expressed in Paris that Generals de Gaulle, Catroux and Legentilhomme, only recently have been deprived of French citizenship by the Vichy Government, but notes that Vichy is showing tardy signs of taking serious steps against the de Gaulle Government.

Paris, he says, is discussing a further reshuffle in the Vichy Government by which Raphael Albert would leave the Cabinet and Pierre Léonard would become Minister of Interior, while Marcel Peyroux would become a Minister. — Reuter.

The early raiders followed the usual course and dropped incendiary bombs. Later arrivals followed with high explosives, some particularly heavy.

Many fires were started but by the strenuous efforts of the fire services nearly all were extinguished within a few hours.

The anti-aircraft barrage was at one time heavier than on any previous occasion and caused the raiders to fly at a great height.

King Tours City

Cheered by crowds who pressed closely behind the Royal Party, the King yesterday made a tour of the city and its environs less than 12 hours after the third big raid on Birmingham.

The King, with Lord Dudley, Regional Commissioner, and the Lord Mayor, walked through some of the worst bombed areas, picking his way between piles of rubble and viewing bomb craters and devastated homes.

The King talked to many citizens who have had amazing escapes during air raids in this vicinity, and congratulated a boy aged 17 on rescuing many people from debris.

Afterwards the King inspected a big parade of A.R.P. and Civil Defence workers and congratulated them on their magnificent work. — Reuter.

Britain's Greatest Ambassador

THE NEWS OF LORD Lothian's death deeply shocked Britain, especially as it was totally unexpected and came while the Ambassador was so much in the public eye as spokesman for the British cause in a country where its advocacy just now is of vital importance to the whole Allied cause.

The news cast a gloom over Members of all parties in Parliament. Many expressed the view that Lord Lothian will be hard to replace, for he won for himself a position of distinctive eminence.

It is understood that Mr. Noel Butler will carry out the duties of Ambassador for the time being.

Lord Lothian's death is an irreparable loss to the British diplomatic service, writes Reuter's chief diplomatic correspondent.

As Ambassador—indeed, Britain's premier Ambassador—he had the courage to cast tradition to the winds and speak openly and freely upon most of the important issues between Britain and the United States.

His first interviews and speeches must have shocked certain quarters where tradition is hallowed and perhaps a little moss-grown.

Frank And Sincere

But his frankness and sincerity have paid in a land which is generous and free in its political outlook.

President Roosevelt has sent a message to the King saying: "I am shocked beyond measure to hear of the sudden passing of my old friend, your Ambassador, Lord Lothian."

"Through nearly a quarter of a century we had come to understand and trust each other. I am very certain that if he had been allowed by Providence to leave a last message he would have told us that the greatest of all efforts must and will succeed."

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, has sent a message of sympathy to Mr. Winston Churchill and the United States Government has offered the British Government all facilities at their disposal in connection with Lord Lothian's death.

Some quarters believe an American ship will convey the Ambassador's body across the Atlantic to Britain.

Widespread Tribute

Lord Lothian's death has produced widespread expressions of regret throughout the United States.

Tributes are paid to his "informal friendliness" and to his Baltimore speech, which is described as "one of the best of his career and a level-headed approach to the international problems of the day."

Lord Lothian was one of the most popular Ambassadors London had ever sent to Washington.

The American press, who previously seldom saw any British Ambassador, took to him from the very beginning.

Every time he visited the White House or the State Department a large crowd of journalists awaited his exit.

They were seldom disappointed, for he always spoke as freely as circumstances permitted.

Sympathy is felt on all sides.

In Washington for the British

SOVIET KEEPS KEEN EYE ON WAR

Soviet interest in the fighting in North Africa was well reflected in the Moscow press yesterday.

The official Communist paper "Pravda" has as two main headlines across the foreign news page: "British offensive in Western Desert," and "Italian retreat in Albania."

British reports of the taking of Sidi Barrani were published at length, with a description of the terrain and an account of how the Italians fortified the Sidi Barrani-Sollum area.

"Pravda" then quoted the "Berliner Nachrichten" for the statement that the war in Greece and the attack on Taranto are already having an effect on the Italian army in Libya.

Reports from New York regarding increased American aid for Britain are also prominently published in the Moscow press.

"Trud" concludes a long article in this connection by quoting the New York "Herald-Tribune" as saying that the intensification of the struggle between Britain and Germany only increases the vital interest of the United States in the survival of Britain. — Reuter.

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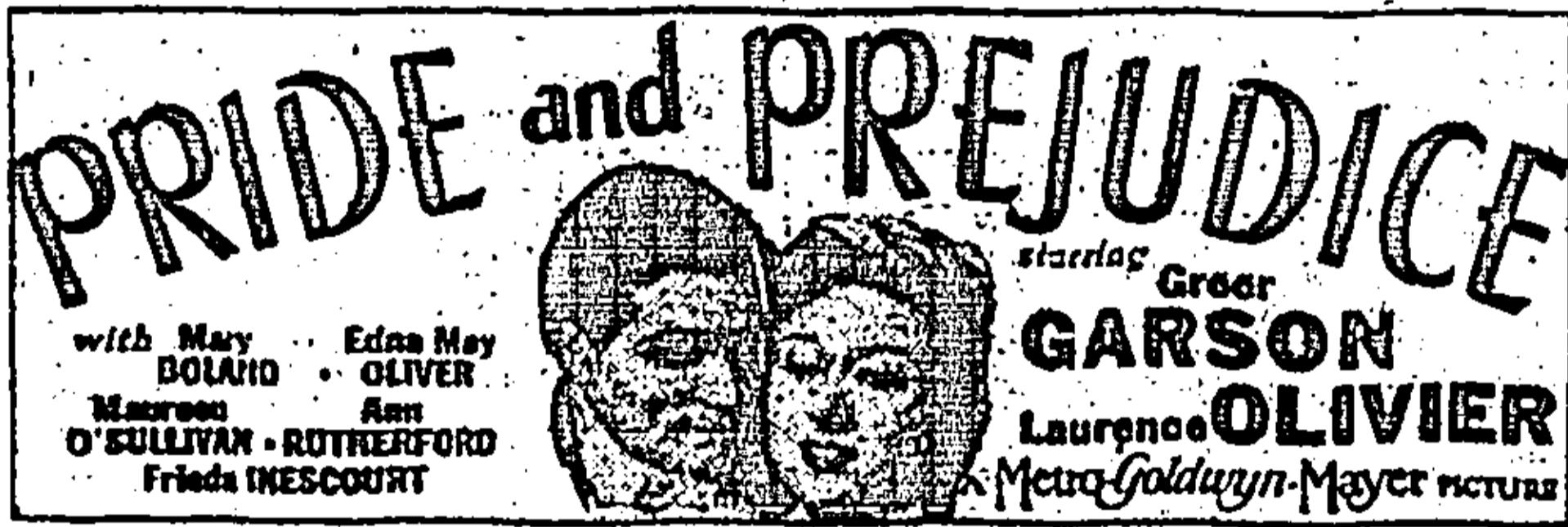
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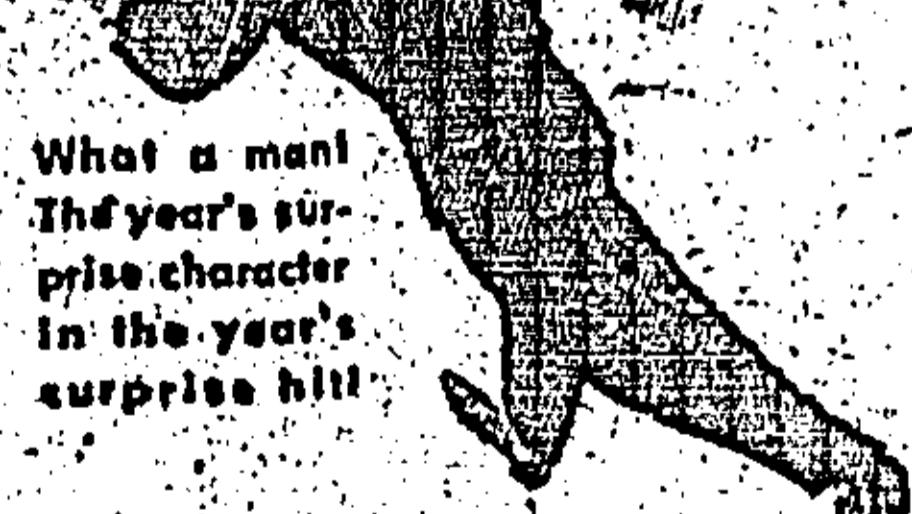

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THE MOVEMENT IN THE United States in favour of granting financial aid to Britain received powerful and unexpected support yesterday from Mr. Winthrop Aldrich, one of America's leading bankers.

Besides being Chairman of the Chase National Bank, Mr. Aldrich is a well-known lawyer.

QUEEN'S TRIBUTE TO COLONIES

Her Majesty the Queen yesterday thanked the Colonial Empire for 35 mobile canteens for the use of air-raid victims.

After inspecting them in the courtyard of Buckingham Palace, Her Majesty said that ever since the beginning of the war the Colonial Empire has been unsparing in its support of the Mother Country.

But it was not only the material help they gave so much as the thought that these widespread peoples shared Britain's ideals and felt for her people in the suffering which the struggle brings to the people of this island.

She said she would ask Lord Lloyd to express their grateful thanks for this most valuable and welcome gift. — Reuter.

SUGAR AS "SWEETENED COCOA"

Sugar invoiced as "sweetened cocoa" was the subject of summonses on which fines and costs totalling £101 5s were imposed for breaches of the Sugar (Maximum Prices) Order.

Greens (Aldgate) Ltd., who sellers of Commercial Street, London, E., were fined £20. at Old Street Police Court for selling 5cwt. of granulated sugar at 47s 6d. a cwt., when the maximum price was 37s. 11½d. They were also fined £40. with twenty-five guineas costs, for entering in a fictitious transaction by representing these goods as sweetened cocoa.

Charles Frederick Bean, director and sales manager of the firm of Woodhouse, Grove, Manor, Park, was fined £5. and £10.

Mr. Vernon Gatte, for the Ministry of Food, stated that the managing director of the chocolate firm learned that it was possible to obtain sugar without a permit. The Confectioners' Association to which he reported this gave him certain instructions.

He was told to supply Greens with five barrels about one-third full of cocoa in linen bags. The barrels were collected by Greens and returned with the remaining space filled up with granulated sugar.

BISHOP MANNING TO LEAD SERVICE FOR GREEK VICTORY

A SPECIAL SERVICE FOR THE VICTORY OF THE GREEKS AND OF THANKS FOR THEIR DELIVERANCE FROM THE ITALIANS WILL BE LED BY BISHOP MANNING, OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN HIS CATHEDRAL IN NEW YORK NEXT SUNDAY. British churches will observe it as a day of intercession for the Greeks. — Reuter.

DUTCH WARSHIP'S CAPTURE

The British Admiralty yesterday paid a tribute to the work of the Netherlands warship which intercepted the German cargo-steamer *Rhein* in the Atlantic off Cuba.

The *Rhein*, a vessel of 6,000 tons, left Tampico, Mexico, about 12 days ago. The crew set fire to the ship, and then tried to scuttle her.

This was frustrated by prompt and gallant action by a boarding party.

This incident, says the Admiralty, illustrates the wide-spread and effective cooperation being rendered to the Royal Navy by the Royal Netherlands Navy. — Reuter.

THE PRINCE BERNHARD FUND

THE "PRINCE BERNHARD FUND" HAS RAISED THE MONEY FOR TWO MORE BOMBERS FOR THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS NAVY.

This fund now totals £810,000, of which £745,000 has been given to the Ministry of Aircraft Production. — Reuter.

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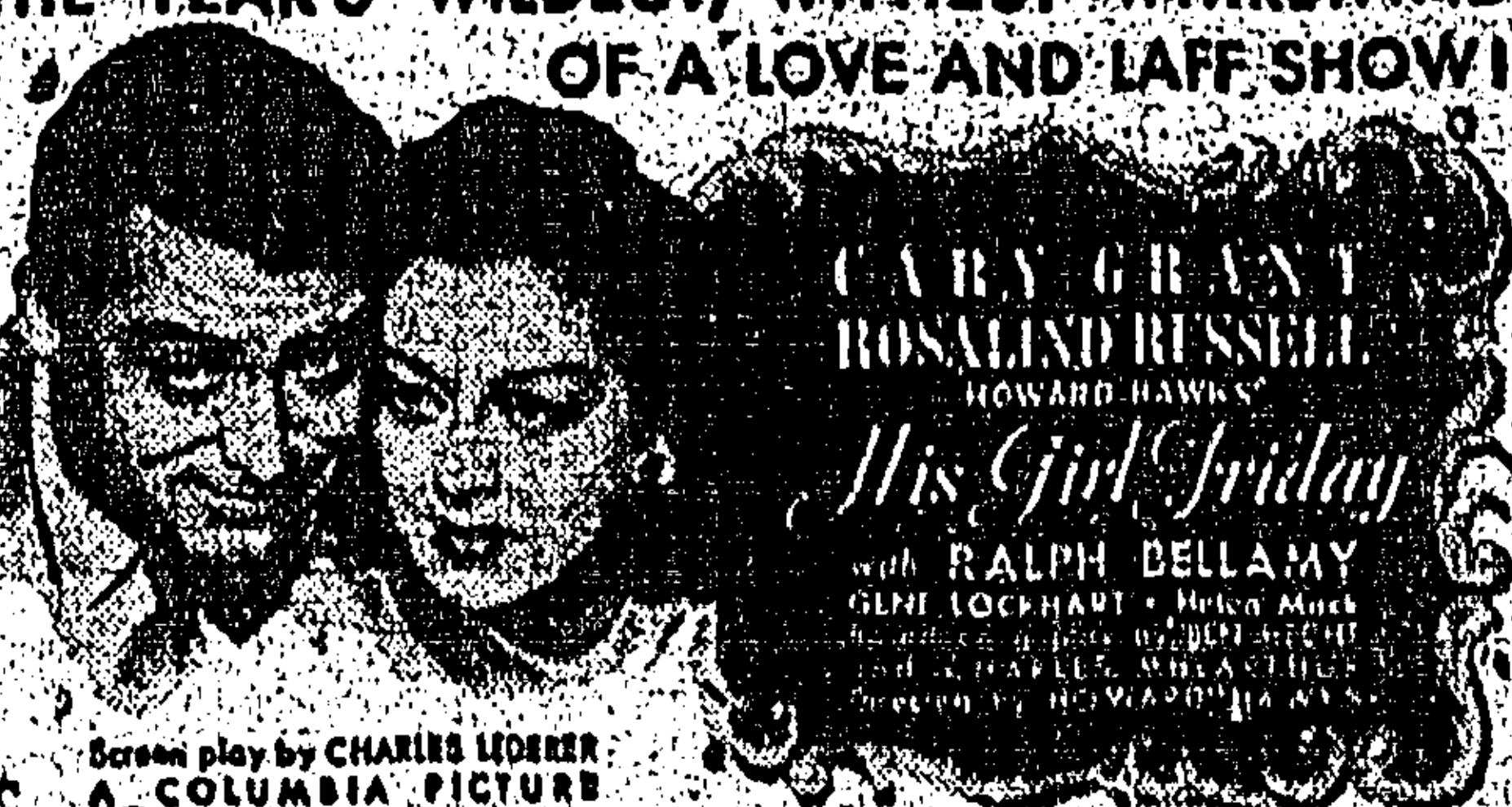
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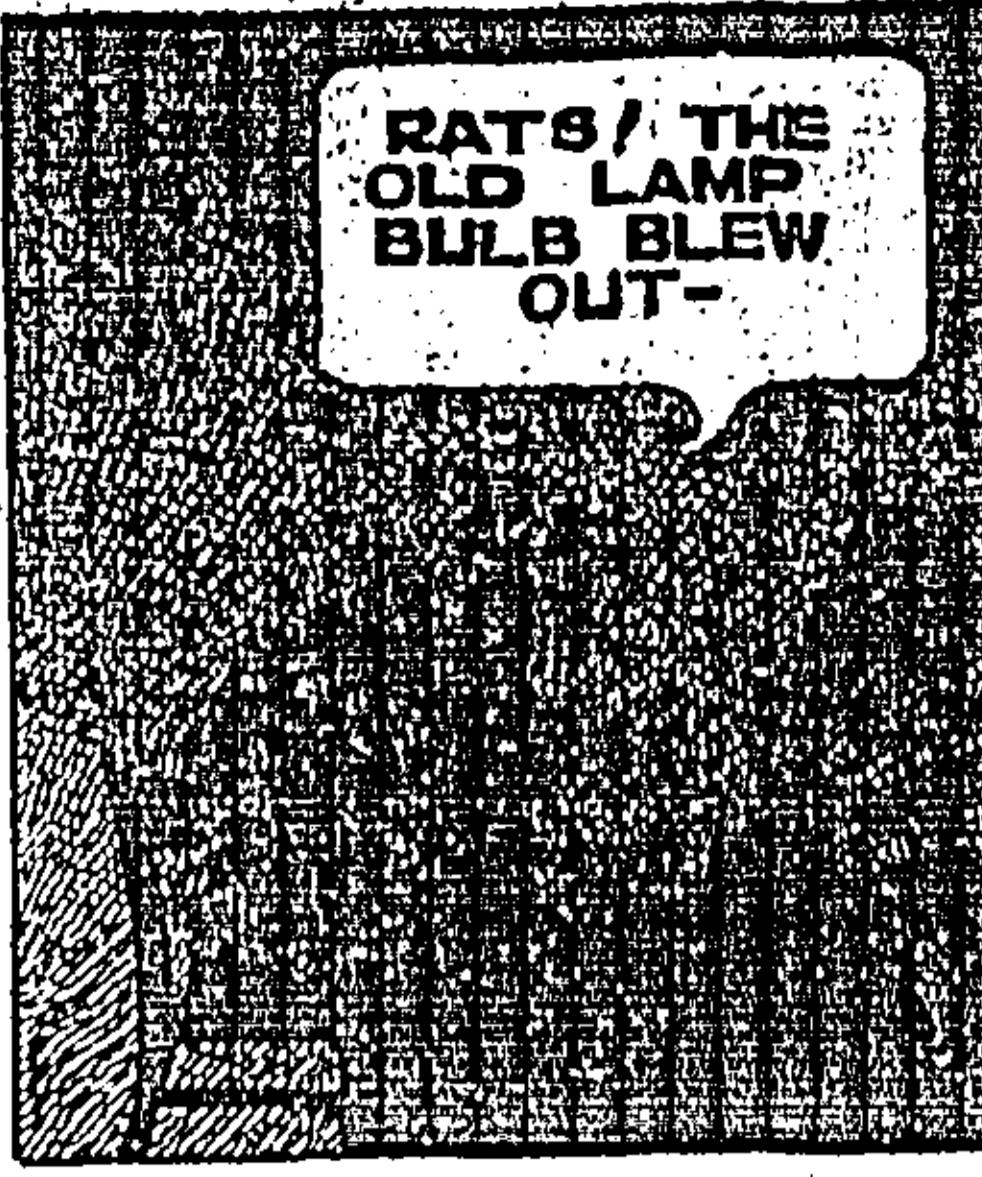
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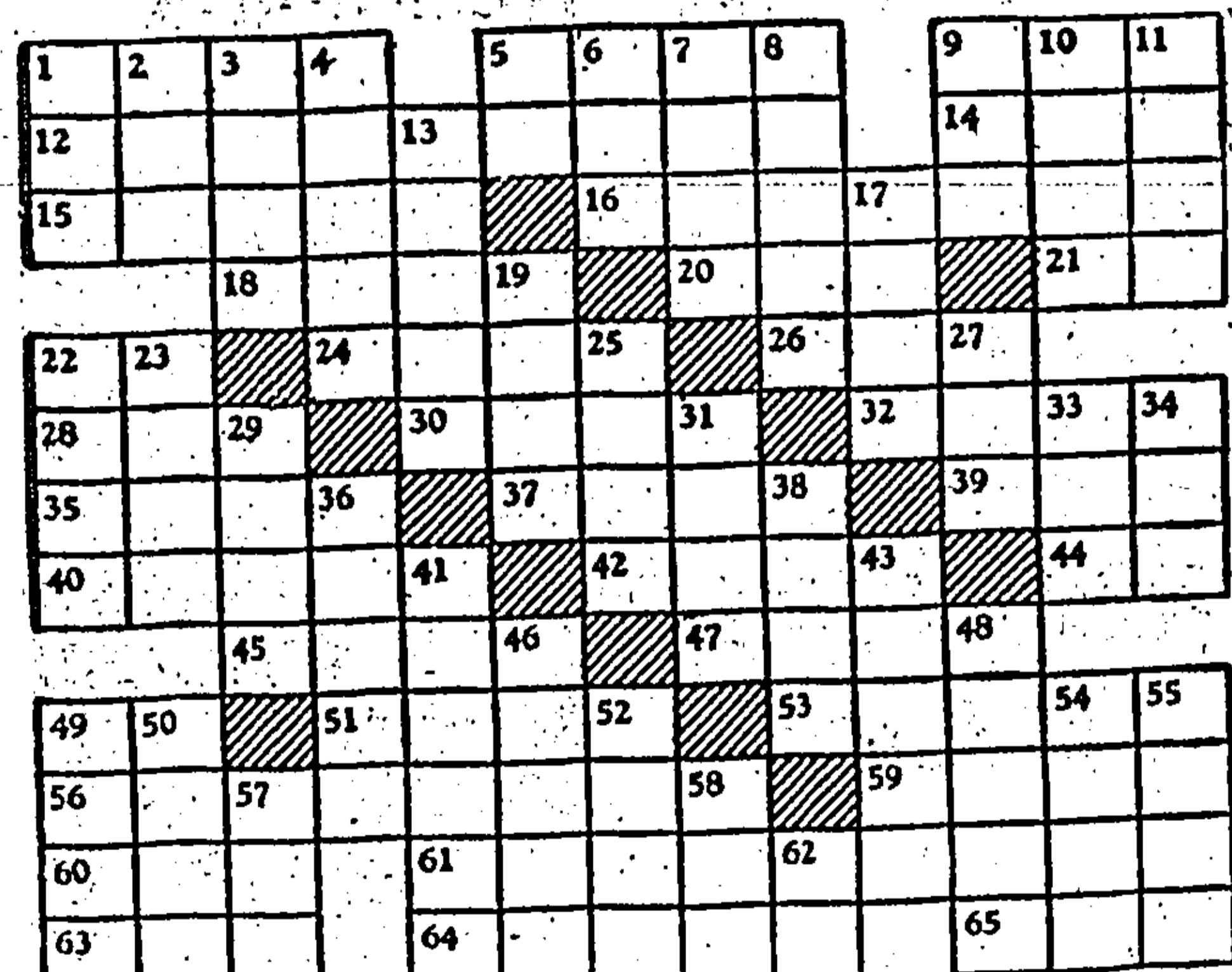
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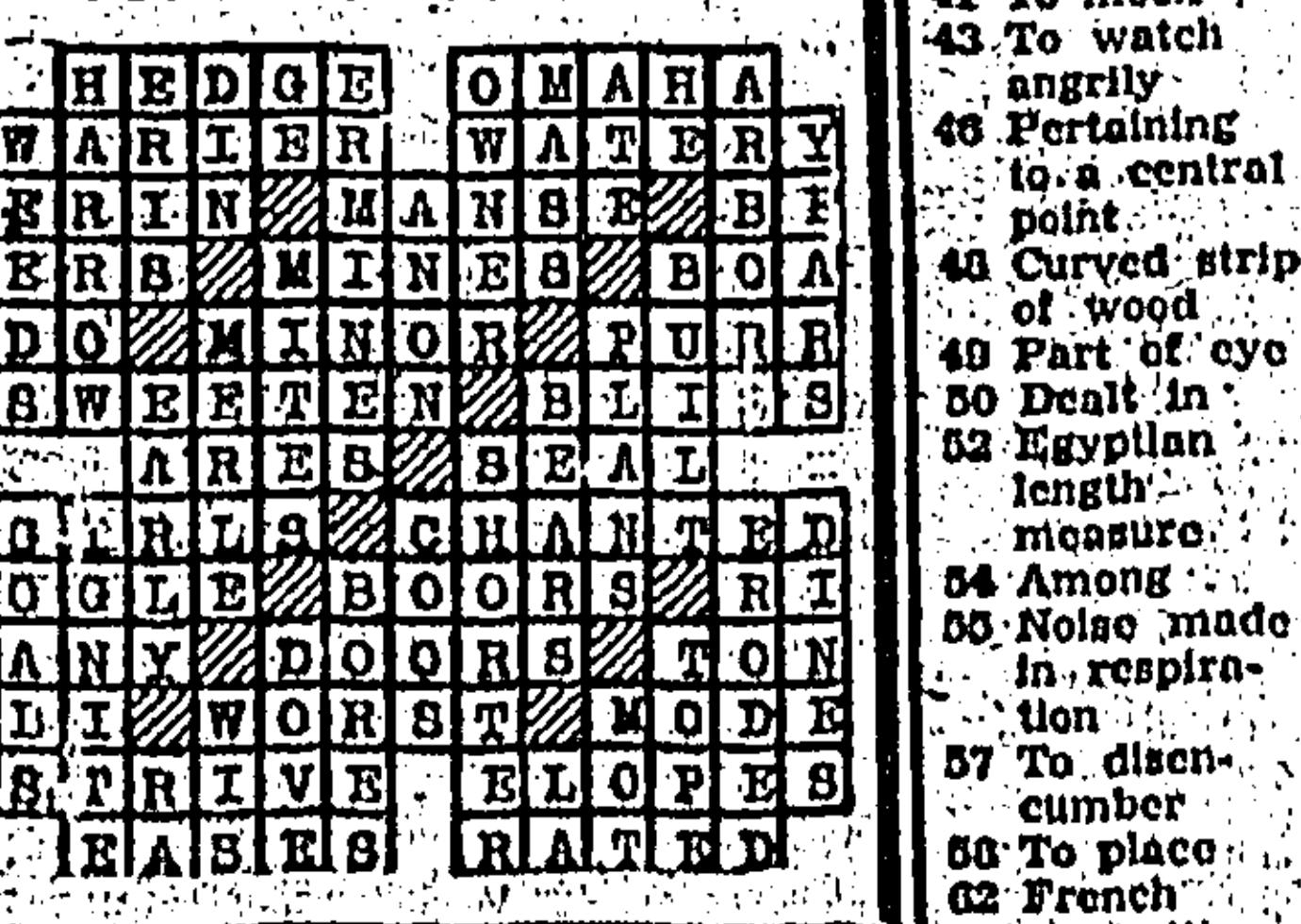
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- Pennant
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- Newly married woman
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- Mountain pass
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- Hindu deity
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BRITONS MAY FIGHT BUT CANNOT WORK

THERE ARE HUNDREDS of young men in Britain to-day without a country—eligible to be conscripted for our fighting services, but not eligible, apparently, to undertake industrial work of national importance.

Sons of people who are technically "aliens," they are treated as British for military service, but ruled out of many industrial plants whose application forms clearly specify British parentage.

Remarkable cases are found in the West of Scotland, where many former Russian families, mostly Lithuanian, though some are Latvian and Estonian, settled prior to the last war, mainly for the mining industry.

Awful Maelstrom

I have interviewed a young man whose case is typical of hundreds, writes a correspondent. His father and mother were Lithuanian, but he was born and has lived his whole life in Glasgow.

During the Great War, when Czarist Russia was Britain's ally, his father was conveyed by the British Government to that country for service in the Russian army. Whether he is dead or alive no one knows.

Though he is presumed dead, there can be no certainty even of that.

The young man was a mere infant then. His mother, who still speaks only very broken English was, like many other Lithuanian women whose husbands had gone to Russia, in desperate plight.

Wanted To Serve

My informant told graphically the psychological handicap he has faced in life.

As a boy he was wholly Scottish in outlook and outside environment, educated in a Glasgow school with Glasgow children, but living with his mother who could hardly speak English, and whose native language he never acquired.

"We always seem doomed to be penalised," he said. "The other children knew we were foreigners, and treated us as such; yet we know no other country than Scotland, and are victims of the accident of birth. To-day, as a grown man, my fate still pursues me. Eligible for the British Army, I wanted to serve; but unfortunately an old leg injury caused my medical rejection. Otherwise I should be wearing a British uniform to-day."

Factories Refuse

Rejected as a soldier, I then decided to serve my country—for it is my country—in essential wartime industry, but they won't have me.

"Three times I have been interviewed at factories seeking men to produce the vital necessities of war. On each occasion my non-British parentage has ruled me out."

"It really seems I am without a country. I could not go to Lithuania, even were that possible, since I scarcely know a word of the language and nothing whatever about its ways of life."

There seems strong need for a Government ruling that these special cases should be treated as being full British subjects as they are British subjects in every intelligent sense of the term.

STILL WAITING HIS MEDALS

Although possessing the Military Medal won for an act of gallantry in 1918, Mr. Alfred Meyrick, of Queen's Park, Glasgow, is still waiting for the Victory and General Service medals awarded in the last war.

Mr. Meyrick is a native of Stockton-on-Tees, and, when he won the M.M., his fellow-townsmen presented him with an address of congratulation and £5.

"The 'fiver' has disappeared long ago," Mr. Meyrick said, "but I still have the congratulatory address."

NAZI WOMEN DECOYS

Goebbels, Nazi propaganda chief, has given instructions for a large contingent of German film stars—men and women—to go at once to Hollywood.

Their object is:

(1) To capture as many as possible of the big salaries, so that foreign exchange may be available with which Germany can make overseas purchases.

(2) To obtain the star parts in as many pictures as possible, and win admiration for German artistry—thus indirectly for the German nation—in neutral and other countries.

(3) To organise a strong Nazi movement inside Hollywood, and enable the women artistes to exercise their charm throughout the United States in order to win as many prominent men as possible over to the German cause.

Some of the most beautiful of the German women stars are going on this voyage. All are convinced Nazis, many intimate associates of Goebbels himself.

He is fully aware of their capacity for intrigue, and has given them elaborate details of the way in which they are to carry out their plan in America, and of the names of the political, commercial and industrial leaders at whom they are to "set their caps."

They have been told to employ two methods of strategy.

First, by making themselves as pleasant as possible to their victims, to try to win them over to a pro-German point of view and to persuade them to cease using their factories or political influence to assist Britain.

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CUPID MAKES FEWER MISSES IN WAR-TIME

The War has seen a marked decline in the number of broken engagements.

The announcement that the marriage arranged between Second Lieutenant Michael Worth and Miss Aethra Parker will not take place, makes a total of only thirty-nine broken engagements made public during the nine months of this year.

In recent years the lowest total was sixty-four, in 1931, and the highest, ninety, in 1935.

WOMAN ON CHARGE OF MURDERING FRIEND

MISS MARY E. B. JONES IS ACCUSED IN HASTINGS (U.S.A.) OF THE MURDER OF HER FRIEND, MISS L. WASHINGTON BOOTH, A 50-YEAR-OLD ATTORNEY. THE TWO WOMEN HAD LIVED TOGETHER FOR TEN YEARS.

They quarrelled six weeks ago when Miss Jones accused Miss Booth of killing a pet dog.

Neighbours saw Miss Jones trying to push a motorcar down a slope and crying out that she intended to hurl herself beneath it.

Then they heard the sounds of a quarrel in the house and sent for the police, who entered and found Miss Jones battering Miss Booth with a kitchen chair. An earthenware-pitcher had apparently been used to strike the first blow which felled Miss Booth.

Miss Jones was arrested and taken to a hospital psychopathic ward.

Blitzsweep

A London office staff now run a sixpenny sweep every afternoon on the time of the air-raid warning.

Prize is a packet of cigarettes, balance goes to office Spitfire Fund.

A BOMB MAKES BLIND MAN SEE AGAIN

(By A Special Correspondent)

SHOCK OF A BOMB falling near him has restored to an ex-soldier the sight he lost in the last war. Doctors say a "miracle" has befallen the man, Mr. J. Brooker, of Harling Street, Camberwell, S.E.

He walked down the street to meet me with a shopping basket, calling at various shops on his own.

Yet this former blind man has another tragedy to look upon now that he can see.

He walked unaided, and in the afternoon sunshine to visit the companion who had stood by him through all his years of darkness.

The "fiver" has disappeared long ago," Mr. Brooker said, "but I still have the congratulatory address."

"We have no children," said Mr. Brooker. "My wife has been my constant companion." Then the man who has only managed to feel his way step by step along the street for so many years said:

"I must hurry off to the hospital. Whatever happens I mustn't miss seeing my wife."



THE WAR WORKER

The British Association for Labour Legislation has produced a timely report on welfare and health in relation to war-time hours of work and output. The Government has shown a good appreciation of the dangers of unrestricted and unregulated working time, but it is important that it should be backed by an informed and alert public opinion.

Some employers and indeed some workpeople hardly realise that over-work can be a national disservice. It brings a fall in the curve of hourly output and an increase in sickness, accidents, and absenteeism. The Government's policy is sound, and it is regrettable that not all its departments are acting on it.

As the British Association's report says, there is all the difference between "spurt" and "long-run" conditions of production, but we should be careful not to continue the "spurt" too long. The report was that more effective steps should be taken to see that the provisions of the Factories Act are observed; this means an increase in the number of inspectors and also in their firmness of resistance.

The Minister of Labour has shown his concern for welfare and deserves every support in his efforts to get decent mess-rooms and canteens and to encourage communal feeding. It is to be hoped that the appointment of his welfare officers will not be delayed. The report has some sensible remarks on billeting conditions, which require far more attention than they have yet had.

As the new munition factories come into work the problem will become urgent. A further useful point made is the demand that the Board of Education shall undertake an inquiry into the employment of children of school age since the war and stiffen its restrictions. This is bound up, however, with the general question of compulsory school attendance on which so far the Board has pursued such a spineless policy.

THE BIGGER BOTTLE CLUB

The suppression of several London bottle clubs provides an appropriate opportunity to mention the existence of an International Bottle Club, whose members are not in the least interested in drinking. A certain Colonel Edward P. Bailey, an

Why The U.S. Fleet Should Go To Singapore

A Washington View

By Joseph G. Harrison

America's Far Eastern policy appears to-day to have crystallised to a point where the country is prepared to take full economic and belligerent measures against Japan if the latter continues to encroach upon territory considered vital to American safety and well-being.

A number of sources close to the Administration agree that the White House and State Department, strongly supported by the Navy Department, have decided that any further Japanese advance toward the Netherlands or British East Indies or toward Thailand (Siam) and the British Malay States, at whose tip lies the great Singapore naval base, would be sufficient cause for a complete Anglo-American embargo on all trade to and from Japan.

These same sources add that the Administration is fully aware of the fact that such an embargo might well lead to war, but that Washington is determined to take the risk if it is the only way in which Japanese hegemony of the entire western and southern Pacific can be prevented. Meanwhile, the United States will seek in every way to alleviate Far Eastern tension and to convince Japan of the grave danger facing it.

This sudden hardening of American policy, which during the more than three years of the current Sino-Japanese war has vacillated between warnings and deplored, is traceable to the increased resistance of the British in Europe, the growing inclination of the American people to do their part in preserving democracy and the Administration's recognition that a Japanese victory in

Australian, started this

sodality in 1926 by placing hundreds of messages in many languages in glass bottles and scattering them, a few at a time, from the deck of a ship on its way from Vancouver to Sydney. The membership grew among the people who found the bottles and read and replied to the messages therein contained. Answers came from all quarters of the globe, and took months and sometimes years to arrive.

From a casual bottle-dropping concern the International Bottle Club has become a systematised business. The members collect thousands of old bottles and hand them over to passengers on long-distance ships, with requests to drop them over the side at specified points in the journey, as far as possible from land. Records of the answers received to the bottle messages are collated and passed round, and the general idea is that the curious hobby may one day provide valuable information as to the drift of world ocean currents and the direction of winds. Some of the bottles have tortuous and long voyages; one, dropped by a Japanese Bottle Club member near Kamchatka, arrived three years later at Chile, and messages thrown overboard at Alaska have turned up in Australia.

Asia and a German-Italian victory in Europe would place this country between the jaws of a totalitarian nutcracker.

Having received an unpleasant jolt last July when Great Britain agreed to a three-months closure of the Burma Road, the main Chinese trade artery to the outside world, the Administration is reported to have decided that it is aid to Britain must go beyond the supplying of arms and must include economic, diplomatic, and, if necessary, military cooperation with Great Britain in the Far East.

Evidence of this cooperation is present in the American embargo on the export of iron and steel scrap to Japan and in the \$125,000,000 loan to the Chinese Government, both of which actions coincided with a British announcement that the Burma Road would be reopened. This cooperation was strengthened by the signing of the German-Italian-Japanese agreement as it emphasised to the Administration and to the American people that their one remaining friend of any strength in the world was the British Empire.

There is a strong, well-substantiated belief in authoritative Washington circles that this American—one might almost call it an Anglo-American—policy toward Japan will be a dynamic rather than a static defense of American interests in the Far East. Persons close to current Anglo-American conversations, which are officially admitted to be of the "utmost importance," have informed "The Christian Science Monitor" that American use of the world was the British Empire.

Since American use of the Singapore base, which high Navy officials have said "unofficially" can become as important to American defence as are the Hawaiian Islands, is included in this agreement, the scope of the new Anglo-American cooperation can be realised.

Of increasing importance in State Department and White House deliberations on the Far East is the voice of the Navy Department, whose long-standing predictions as to Japan's Far Eastern intentions are now being borne out. Thus the public statements of active or retired Navy officials are now being carefully studied in Washington.

As long ago as last April, when there was little evidence that the Administration was nearing the end of its patience with Japan, Rear Admiral Joseph K. Taussig, a departmental authority on Far Eastern Affairs, told the Senate Naval Affairs Committee that "I cannot see how we can escape being forced into eventual war (with Japan) by the present trend of events."

This statement takes on added interest when compared with a recent declaration by Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, retired, former commander of the Asiatic Fleet, that war between the United States and Japan appears "very likely." Similar sentiments have been expressed by Admiral William H. Standley, retired, former chief of Naval Operations, who feels that the United States should take strong and immediate economic action against Japan.

The present crystallisation of America's policy toward Japan, while flowering during the past few months, has roots that go back for several years. Many persons in Washington assert that the first inkling of this policy was given by President Roosevelt in his famous "quarantine the aggressors" speech of October, 1937. This speech was followed a few months later by the dispatch to London of a secret Navy Department emissary whose job it was to explore the possibility of Anglo-American cooperation in the Far East.

Although nothing much came of

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A Naval View

By Capt. Frederick Oliver, U.S.N., Ret.

For years, Japan has patiently awaited an opportunity to assert its dominance over the Western Pacific. The recent pact with the Axis power indicates that either it is convinced that the psychological time has arrived, or its economic condition has forced the country's militant rulers to gamble on their nation's future.

Whatever may be the reason, the die appears to be cast. Japan's representative leaders have virtually told the United States to withdraw from participation in any matter in which Japan considers it has an interest, and now, unless Japan is willing to submit to "loss of face" it must make good its demands.

In taking its recent stand, Japan has either deliberately discounted the economic effect of the boycott and embargo that can be laid against it by the United States, or has counted on the Presidential campaign reducing the United States to a state of lethargy and confusion.

Approximately two thirds of Japan's oil requirements are supplied by the United States, and the remainder comes from the Netherlands East Indies. An embargo on oil from the United States would have the immediate effect of increasing Japan's demands on the Dutch oil fields, which now divert to Japan only an estimated 10 per cent of their output.

Any reluctance on the part of the Dutch authorities in complying with such demands invites invasion, because Japan must have oil. It has failed to interest Mexico in supplying its needs, and with California oil no longer available, Japan must turn to Borneo.

Japan has long been credited with designs upon these fabulously rich islands, and no doubt is prepared to include them in the "new order in Greater East Asia" just as soon as the necessary "incident" can surely be contrived.

Japan, behind its fortified bases in home waters and outlying islands, occupies a superb position defensively. However, it is poorly located strategically for carrying out an offensive campaign, and is now engaged in making a desperate effort to remedy this defect.

In any campaign in the Western Pacific, the lines of communication are the controlling

ceding months saw popular and Congressional agitation for an embargo upon Japan, which culminated in July, 1939, that the United States was abrogating the American-Japanese Trade Treaty, thus opening the way for economic sanctions against Japan.

Further evidence of American displeasure with the course of Japanese aggression came when the United States placed a "moral" embargo on the shipment of aeroplanes to Japan and with the refusal of the Maritime Commission to charter oil tankers to that country. An embargo upon the export of aviation gasoline and of the necessary tetraethyl for making it also followed. But it was not until the joint Anglo-American action of embargoing American iron and steel scrap and the British reopening of the Burma Road that Tokyo became convinced that a real change might be at hand.

At present the United States Government is making a minute survey of the effect which an over-all American and an Anglo-American embargo would have upon Japan. It is understood that particular attention is being given to the question of American silk purchases from Japan.

Thus, while it seems improbable that strong joint Anglo-American action can be expected if Japan confines its activities to the Chinese mainland, it is believed a certainty that this country is prepared to take strong steps if Japan moves much farther to the south or the south-west.

factors, and it is along its far-flung lines of communication that Japan is vulnerable. Disrupt them and the Japanese Empire will revert to its semi-civilisation of 100 years ago, for Japan produces few of the raw materials that enter into present-day requirements.

Japan's line of communication with the world, except for the Americas and local trade with near-by Asia, goes through the Strait of Sunda. The proximity of Singapore to this vital trade route has caused Japan to eye with great concern the establishment of Britain's magnificent naval base in sheltered Seletar Harbour.

The 2,500 miles of ocean that separate Japan and Singapore made Britain's base secure from any serious threat by the Japanese Navy. In an effort to overcome this handicap, Japan, during the past few years, has neglected no opportunity of seizing sites where intermediate bases could be located. First, Hainan Island was taken. Later, came the seizure of Spratly Island, which is less than 1,000 miles from Singapore.

Now with one eye on China and the other on Singapore, Japan has begun to penetrate Indo-China. Should its forces reach Saigon, they will be within 600 miles of Singapore.

The United States cannot afford to wait. Every wasted day is a tragedy. The Atlantic is now dominated by the British Fleet. A friendly, well-equipped base at Singapore beckoning to American ships, is an entirely different matter from attempting to project a hazardous, exhausting campaign across the wide Pacific to arrive in a port which must be seized and made secure as a base from which our fleet can operate.

A heavy force of United States ships at Singapore would threaten one end of Japan's 2,500-mile line of communications through the South China Sea to such an extent that Japan would have to concentrate its fleet in that area of else withdraw.

If such a concentration is effected, Japan's long line of communication will be inadequately guarded elsewhere, and will be open to disrupting raids by cruisers operating from Manila, Hong Kong, and Hawaii.

In the past, Japan received every consideration by the United States Government. Now that Japan, of its own accord, has asked for a showdown, the United States should immediately place the needed "force" at Singapore to insure that Japan keeps the peace.

The tremendous advantage gained from taking the initiative has long been a well-recognised principle of war, and the present conflict has forcibly illustrated the disastrous results that come from failing to seize and hold the initiative. The United States now has an opportunity for exercising the initiative. Japan has gambled on American unwillingness to do so.

Japan is definitely on the move, and has never shown any inclination to avoid taking the initiative. Twice, Japan has struck first and declared war afterward, and its present long-drawn-out contest with China has never been designated a war.

In Indo-China, Japan already is within bombing distance of the Burma Road. If the United States waits longer, it may be too late. With Japan strongly entrenched in Indo-China and the Netherlands East Indies, the initiative will have passed beyond recall from American hands, and Singapore will have become a liability instead of an asset. The American fleet should be at Singapore before the United States places an embargo on oil to Japan. Every day of delay gives Japan more opportunity to strengthen its position in the South China Sea.

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SHOT MURDERER RAIDERS DOWN GETS D.F.C.

ONE OF THE MEN who has for weeks been defending London from the fury of Hitler's air blitzkrieg has been honoured. He is Acting Flight-Lieutenant Christopher Frederick Currant, and he has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Ministry announced.

Four other D.F.C.'s and one D.F.M. were at the same time awarded to men who have been prominent in attacks on enemy territory, destroying the Nazi invasion schemes.

Of Acting Flight-Lieutenant Currant the Air Ministry said he "has led his flight with great skill and courage in air combats in the defence of London," and "has destroyed seven enemy aircraft and damaged a number of others."

"His splendid example and fine fighting spirit have inspired the other pilots in his flight."

He was born at Luton in 1911, and his home is at Harpenden, Herts. He enlisted in the R.A.F. in January, 1936.

Acting Squadron Leader John Fulton was awarded the D.F.C.

This Officer, the Air Ministry said, has taken part in 20 major operations over enemy territory since early in June, 1940.

One night in September an attack on enemy objectives at Brussels was frustrated by the failure of the starboard engine and he turned for home. Later the engine functioned normally, and he decided to resume his mission.

He made two successful attacks, straddling the railway junction with both sticks of bombs.

Tribute is paid to his "persistent determination, outstanding skill and devotion to duty in the face of heavy opposition and many set-backs."

Acting Squadron Leader Fulton was born and educated in British Columbia.

Bombed Harbour

The D.F.C. is awarded also to Acting Flight-Lieutenant Peter Coplestone Lemon, who since the beginning of the war has conducted 28 operations over Norway, Holland, France, Belgium and Germany.

In September, with great courage in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire, he dived to 500 feet over Antwerp harbour and released a stick of bombs which caused a large brick building to blow up and burn furiously.

His aircraft was damaged, but by skillful piloting a successful landing was made.

The pilot is a West Country man, born in Devon and with his home in Weston-super-Mare.

Pilot Officer Clare Arthur Hovenden Connor, has been awarded the D.F.C. for an attack he made as captain of an aircraft on enemy barge concentrations at Antwerp in September.

After a fruitless attempt to bomb, he approached the target again, and was subjected to intense fire from the ground, but the attack was pressed home successfully.

During this attack the bomb compartment in the aircraft was shattered and a fire started which quickly spread to the wireless operator's and rear gunner's cockpit. The port mid-wing and the tail boom were damaged.

Shell fire pierced the port rear petrol tank, causing grave risk of the fire spreading, and the starboard tank was also pierced.

Pilot Officer Connor is a Canadian, and his wife is lying at Bridgwater, Somerset.

The navigator and rear gunner abandoned the aircraft, but the wireless operator and gunner remained and extinguished the flames.

Pilot Officer Connor then succeeded in flying back to his base and landing without further damage, despite his machine's condition.

Defied A.A. Guns

The last D.F.C. was granted to Pilot Officer Wilfred John Lewis, who in September, successfully pressed home, in the face of intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire and searchlight glare, a dive-bombing attack on a concentration of barges in Antwerp docks.

'PARACHUTIST' WAS A WEATHER SPY

Police, Home Guards and A.R.P. men took part in a parachutist hunt in Woodford and Buckhurst Hill recently.

For many miles around what appeared to be a parachute was seen slowly descending from a great height. In cars and on cycles the officials followed it for over half an hour, till it came to rest in the garden of a house in Buckhurst Hill. It proved to be a meteorological balloon used for weather reports.

TO GO TO U.S.A. IN YACHT

Seven persons are to make an adventurous trip from Britain to the U.S.A. in a small yacht.

Since there is now no other way in which he can get back to his home in an American ship, Mr. Henry B. Clarke, an American business man, has bought his own yacht.

This has been fitted out for him at a small Devon port, and is ready to cross the Atlantic.

The vessel in question is the 136 tons schooner "Norroit," which Mr. Clarke has bought from its former owner, Earl Beatty, just for the purpose of returning to California. With passengers and crew her complement numbers seven.

The difficulty of finding a crew has been overcome, and Mr. Clarke has succeeded in getting six tough West Countrymen, all over military age, but who are game enough to tackle the adventure of crossing the Atlantic in such a small vessel.

Bidding farewell to his wealthy friends and life as owner of a 1,000-acre cotton plantation in Peru, the thirty-three-year-old Hon. Walter Osra Bunt-Mackenzie, second son of the Countess of Cromarty sailed for England to join the Navy.

Now he works aboard a ship in a West Country port as Ordinary Seaman Mackenzie. He signed up for special duties in one of the most dangerous jobs in the Navy at a wage of 28s a week.

When not at sea his work will include scrubbing decks, peeling potatoes and polishing brasses.

BOMBS FELL AS A BABY WAS BORN

A NURSING SISTER tending to a woman giving birth to a baby, with bombs dropping all round the tall block of a tenement flats. Another racing to safety through the night in an ambulance with a mother and two-hour-old baby while explosions almost shook the wheel from the driver's hands.

That is how maternity nurses are carrying on through the raids.

The stories were told just in casual conversation to a reporter who visited a London maternity hospital bombed during a night raid. Fortunately, there were no patients in the hospital at the time.

Sister I. Beere was called out during a raid to a woman who lived in a tenement building. The baby was born as bombs dropped all round the flats, then the nurse left the mother as comfortable as she could.

Some time later a bomb hit a neighbouring block of flats and the mother and baby were moved to a nearby school for safety.

No Food For 12 Hours

When Sister Beere went to visit her, she found the mother sitting on the floor nursing her baby. She had had no food for twelve hours.

The nurse immediately set about finding a means of transport to get her out of London. Finally, with another heavy raid in progress, the driver of a private car took them to safety.

Sister Beere said: "If I hadn't been able to find that driver, I would have starved."

I would have done for the mother and baby."

Another nurse, grey-haired Sister M. Allfrey, who has voluntarily come back to the hospital, where she was trained thirty years ago, to help during the war, was lucky.

She had three patients to get to safety and found an ambulance.

One of the babies was two hours old when the ambulance set out for a south-eastern hospital. German planes overhead dropped salvo after salvo of bombs as the ambulance, unit, threaded its way through the streets.

"I'd Have Managed"

Sister Allfrey said: "Another of the women was expecting her baby at any moment. If it had happened, I should have had to attend the mother in the dark. Then, casually, 'I suppose' I should have managed."

"It was a nightmare journey. The bombs were dropping close and shelling the ambulance. One bomb lifted the vehicle from the road and threw the porter, who was with us, to the floor.

"But we arrived safely and that was all that mattered."

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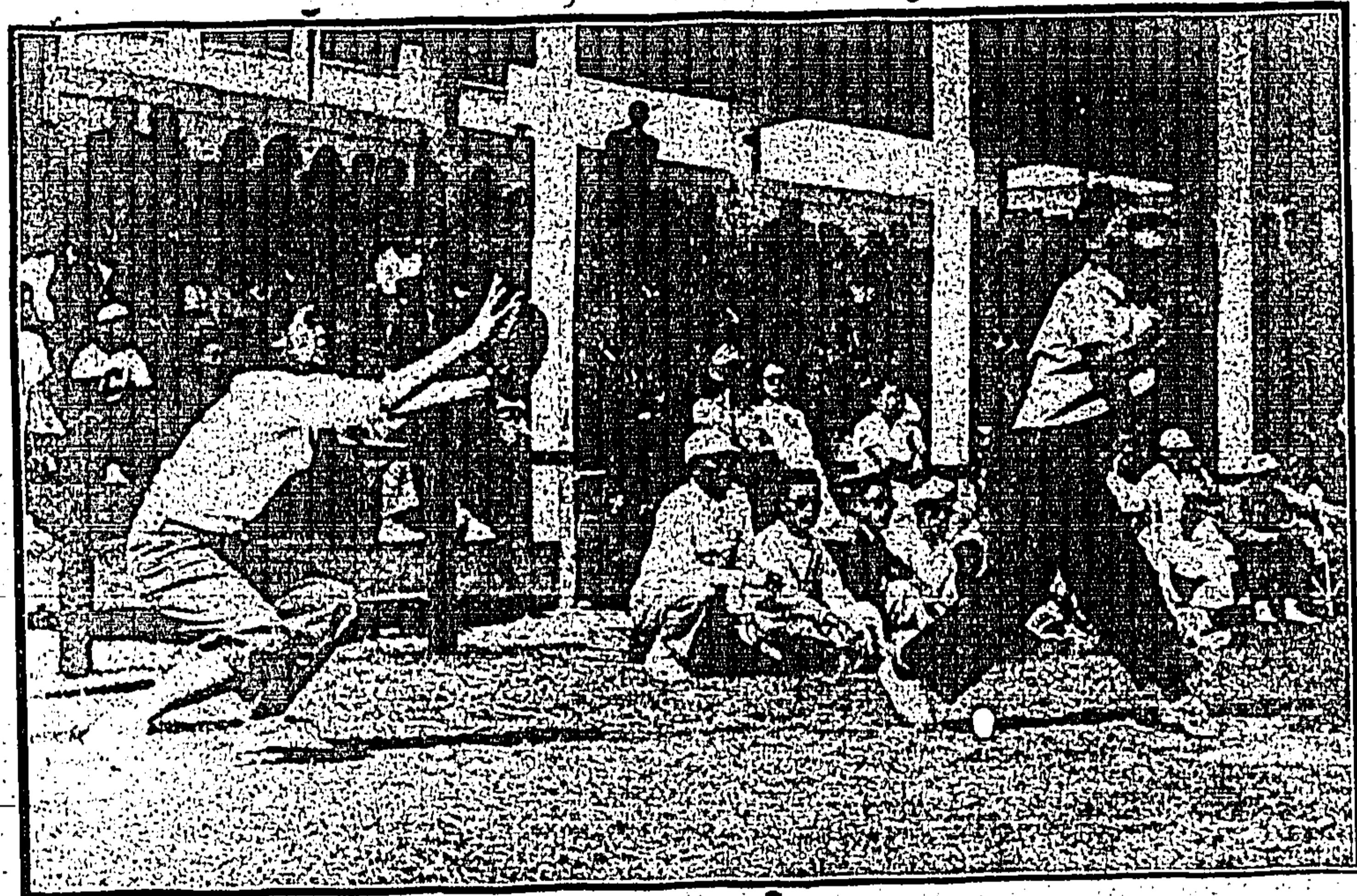
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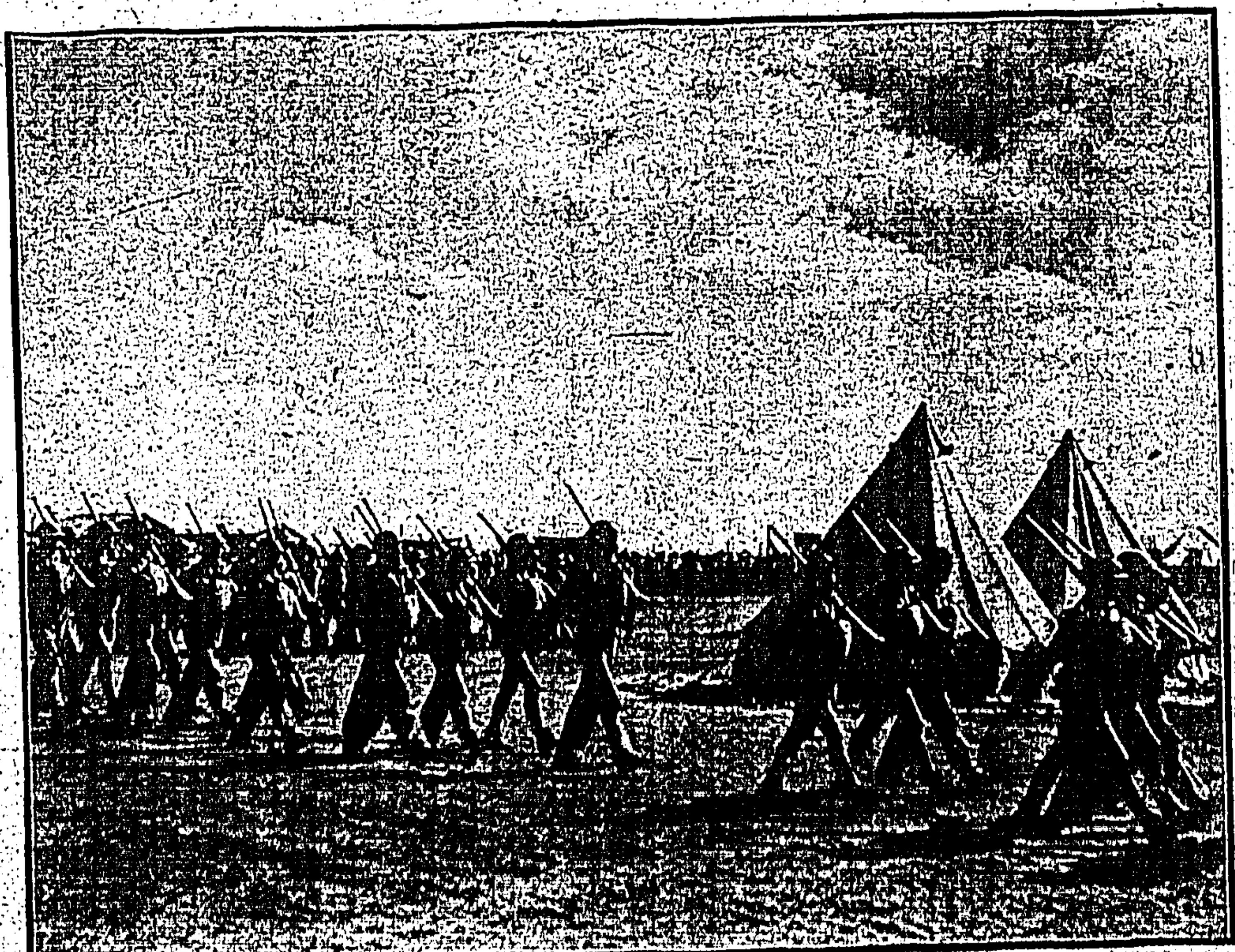
Play in the annual Bowls match between St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies.



Snapped at the Causeway Bay Bazaar.

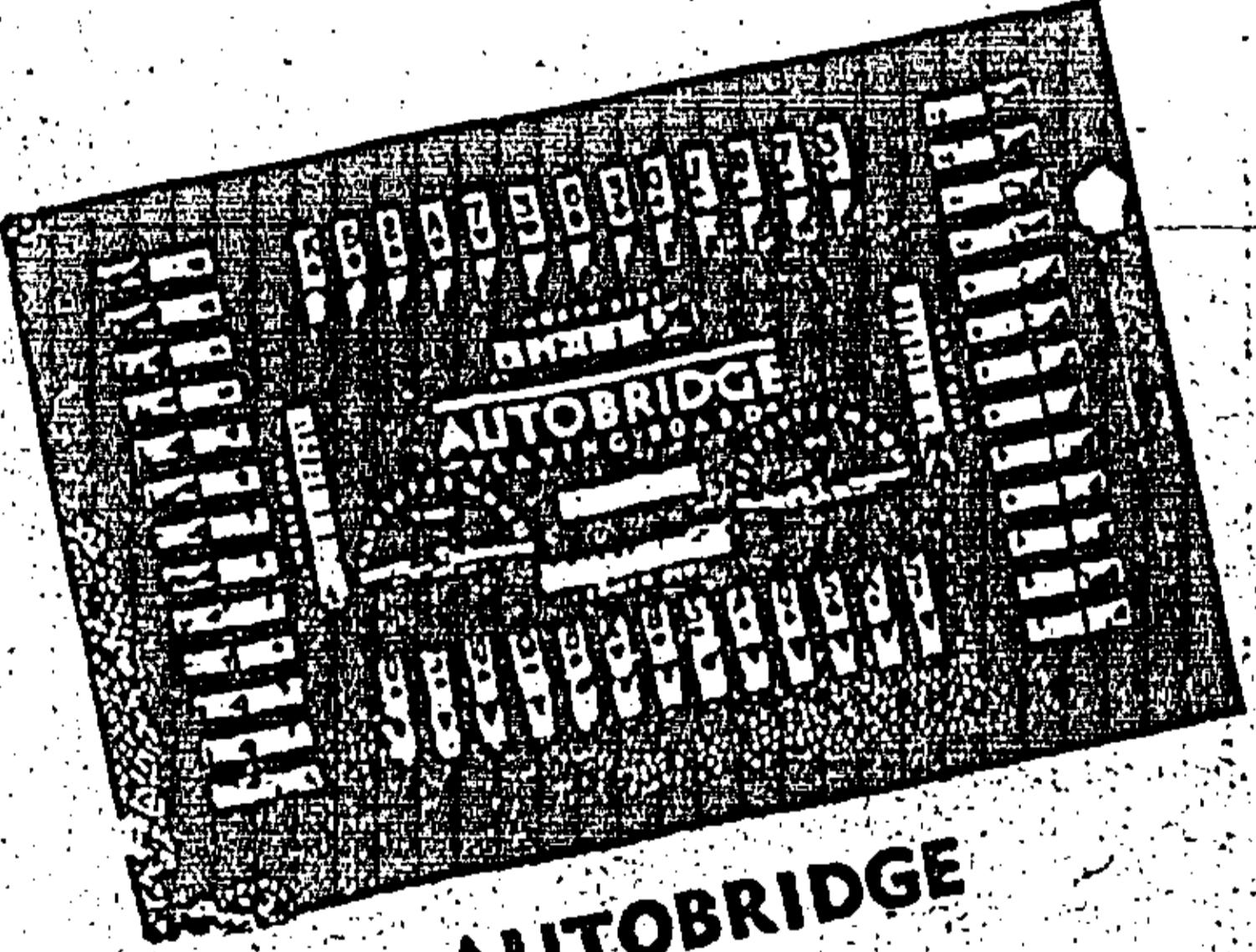


Jean Lee batting for Canuckettes who beat Panthers 11-3 in Sunday's Softball.



A.I.F. troops hardened by months of severe training march out of a desert camp to perform Battalion exercise. They are among the troops who won their laurels this week at Sidi Bar- ran. (Copyright, Fox.)

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SEER STORY

OVERCOAT FOR DAVE By KEITH AYLING

Anne's smooth brow furrowed as she put down Aunt Mary's letter after reading it for the third time. It was all very well being on her aunt's favourite niece, but there was a limit. Changing from her pale blue house-frock to her black costume Anne felt hot and unhappy.

She sighed. She wanted to avoid a row, as she always did, but since Dave, her husband, and Aunt Mary had been at tacit loggerheads over nothing at all, it had really been difficult to keep the peace.

Putting her beret on her blonde head, Anne decided that this time Aunt Mary had gone too far. Dave wasn't good for nothing. He was energetic, industrious and loyal, the ideal husband.

She read the letter again. "I am sending you £5 for your birthday, and I insist on your buy-

ing something for yourself," Aunt Mary had written. "I shall be very angry if I hear that you have spent it on housekeeping or on that good-for-nothing husband of yours."

Anne sighed as she put the letter back in her handbag. Ever since Dave had given up a safe position in a bank to go into the wireless trade, with the idea of starting in business on his own, Aunt Mary had not approved of him. And Dave was beginning to resent the old lady's attitude.

"If she wasn't your only relative, and if you weren't the most wonderful woman in the world, I'd tell her something," he had said.

Anne's blue eyes were troubled as she glanced at the clock. She grabbed her shopping bag. Dave came home at half-past twelve. She hurried off. Waiting in the

grocer's she thought of Aunt Mary's £5. She wanted a new winter coat, some new shoes, and in the spring she was going to have a baby.

Dave needed a new overcoat desperately. He would have to buy one soon. Salesmen had to look smart. Dave's birthday was two days after hers. Anne felt the oranges, and wondered if bananas were more economical. If Dave didn't have a new overcoat soon he would look terribly shabby.

The last time his coat had come back from the cleaners there had been so many little squares of red cotton to mark the worn places. Choosing the meat she wondered if she dared to defy Aunt Mary. If she bought herself a cheap coat on credit, she might manage to pay for it by tightening up the housekeeping. Dave had never noticed when she gave him margarine instead of butter—or he had been too sporting to notice.

Dave was a sport, she remembered with pride as the butcher dropped the meat into her bag, and he was clean and honest. It was just as exciting being married to him now as it had been five years ago. Jogging home with the heavy bag she could think of nothing but to give him a new overcoat.

When he arrived home for lunch Dave dropped a fondly appreciative kiss on her ear. "Darling, what would you like for your birthday? I expect I'll be able to find something in the old stock."

She slipped her arm round his neck and kissed him on the side of the mouth. "Why not postpone the present business until next year, darling?"

He shook his head and made a face. "Not a birthday's a birthday, and you deserve one every day of the year, my sweet."

It was nice to be loved that way. Anne thought as she answered. "I want a packet of smokes and a box of Turkish delight, so that I can make a pig of myself in the afternoon when you are away."

Over lunch Dave suddenly stopped eating. Anne felt a little uncomfortable as he studied her, his dark blue eyes full of concern. "Here, I say, darling," he remarked anxiously, "you're not eating anything. What's up, Anne, tum- my ache or something?"

Before Anne could answer, he had come round the table and was hugging her tenderly. "Tell me, darling," he whispered. "What is it. I hate to see you worried."

She shook her head and made her voice convincing. "There's nothing wrong, my sweet; it's just well—oh, I've just got the miser- ies, I suppose."

"Oh, indeed, well I'll have to kiss them away and risk giving you indigestion." Dave laughed lovingly as he took her in his arms. They hugged each other.

They seemed to melt into one person, with the same hopes, the same great purpose to love each other always. Their eyes grew misty with happy contentment. "To think that two people could be so happy together," murmured Dave. "It's too wonderful."

"And it's going to last for ever," breathed Anne. "No one could ever come between us."

Dave's "rip" on her slackened a minute. His face was resolute as he echoed, "No one." He broke into a little grin. "Not even the famous Aunt Mary."

Immediately the front door had closed behind him, Anne's mind went to ways and means of buying him a new overcoat. She settled herself in the big armchair and stared at the big bowl of red roses by the window. She was frank with Aunt Mary and tell her how important it was that Dave should have smart clothes for his work. She decided against that.

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"I wouldn't be bossed by your aunt, darling," he had told. "She means well, I know, but if she puts a farthing into the business she would want to run it. No, I'll work my way up to sales manager of this firm, then I'll raise the capital on my record. It won't be difficult. Let's keep the family out of the business."

Anne reflected. Dave was inclined to be a little too sensitive over Aunt Mary, who had been a father and mother to her. If her

aunt did want to invest some money why should it not be in Dave's business. She did not think her aunt would interfere either.

Dave was thinking of Anne's birthday as he went back to the office. He had started saving up for her present at the beginning of the year with the idea of giving her something really good. But there had been so many things and business had been bad. His commission account had not come up to expectations. Anne wanted a winter coat with a silver fox collar. He would have liked to have given her something like that before the baby came.

As he rounded the door of the main office of the firm where he worked the girl at the switchboard signalled him. "Letter for you, Mr. Lander and he wants to see you." She nodded her dark head towards the sales manager's office.

Dave slipped the letter into his pocket. He tapped at the frosted glass door panel. Mr. Phillips, the sales manager, greeted him with a brisk nod. "Sit down, Lander. I'll talk to you a second."

Dave settled his spare young body in the deep leather chair. His quick eyes studied his boss. How smart Phillips was. He was dapper, the ace of efficiency and prosperity. Dave envied him his neat blue suit, the spotless linen collar, and the burnished dark tim shoes.

His eyes were unhappy as they went to his own that were showing signs of wear and tear, and his suit that didn't answer to pressing very well these days.

He started from his reverie, aware that Mr. Phillips was looking at him. "Oh, Lander," began the sales manager. "You're doing well—but you're not doing well enough as my head salesman. I've made no secret of the fact that we've earmarked you for a bigger job, so I am going to talk to you squarely. I want you to give me that little extra effort, and I want you to look a bit." Phillips paused thoughtfully, his fresh grey eyes on Dave. Lander, has it ever occurred to you how important a part appearance plays in our game?"

"Yes, sir, I have. As a matter of fact I was thinking of that very thing when you began to speak." Dave knew his face was getting hot. "Good, I am glad of that, Lander. I was afraid you were getting a little slack. Appearance has a great deal to do with the prosperity of sales success. A client even in the smallest business always prefers to give his order to a well-dressed representative. When I was your age I starved myself to buy clothes."

"But you see, I have a wife and—," Dave was defending, but Mr. Phillips baulked him sharply. "So had I Lander. She starved, too. Now she reaps the benefit."

He wagged a lean freckled finger at Dave. "Make your sacrifices while you are young. You have the right stuff in you. Keep your sales going up, and I'll raise you in two months. In the meantime I want to see you the best-dressed man on the best-dressed staff in the business."

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He would jolly well send her back the cheque, and tell Aunt Mary tell her what, he asked himself. She was Anne's only relative. He had promised Anne to be tactful with the old dear. His face was gloomy as he surveyed the cheque. That fiver would have been so useful.

When at the psychological moment of the interview his client refused to sign on the dotted line. He wondered if a new suit would have helped him to clinch the deal. Outside again he stopped in front of a shop window and contemplated his reflection. Phillips was right. He was getting to look like a tramp. He would have to do something about it.

"Aunt Mary's coming to tea on Sunday," Anne announced after dinner. She shuddered with alarm as Dave snorted. "Pah! That old cat. I'm sick of being nice to her. Why does she have to come on my birthday of all days. We ought to spend birthdays alone. She'll want to know what I have given you for a present, and she'll look down her nose at whatever it is."

Anne was sitting on the big cream pouf at his feet with her blonde curls laid against his knee. "Darling, please be nice to Aunt Mary this time. I have a special reason."

Dave did not answer. She patted his knee imploringly. "Please, darling, be extra nice this time, it's important."

"But I'm always nice to her. I believe if I let go sometimes she'd respect me more. She seems to think I'm a spineless nit-wit because I accept all she says." He ran his fingers through her hair.

"But I'll be on my best behaviour for your sake, my sweet... I promise, but it's going to be difficult. You see—"

The front door bell rang. Anne sped to answer it. At the door she halted. "Oh, Dave, I forgot to tell you." Her cheeks were bright spots of colour. Now she was frightened of what she had done. "Dave, please don't be cross, but Mr. Martin, the tailor, called. While business is slack he is making clothes for his old clients at a special reduction. I thought you needed an overcoat and—er—I promised to pay it off at five bob a week. I can manage that out of housekeeping."

Dave's eyes flashed with sudden irritation as he stood up. Anne came over and stretched up to kiss him. He held her slender body close to his. He remembered that interview with the sales manager. So Anne had noticed, too. After a little while he said: "All right, Anne, we can do it on credit for once. I do need a coat badly." But it went against the grain.

While the tailor was measuring him he wondered if he dared tell Anne about Aunt Mary's cheque. He would not for the moment; the matter needed thinking over very carefully.

The next morning Anne was wrestling with the housekeeping accounts when the noise of Dave's key in the door disturbed her. It was 11 o'clock. She fled to the hall.

Dave caught her in his arms. He lifted her off her feet to kiss her. "Sweetheart, you're having a new coat, too, for your birthday. I've had a bit of luck—a £5 bonus for getting a difficult client. Hurry up with lunch, and we'll go and buy it." He began to whistle a fox-trot and they danced into the kitchen.

Anne met him at the office that night in her new coat. "Darling, you look lovely. I am a lucky man." Dave's dark face was lit with enthusiasm. It was as if they were just married. It seemed to her how wonderful it was to be so completely in love.

Over dinner she reflected happily. How wonderful of Dave to have spent his bonus on her birthday present. Really he ought to have invested in a new suit to go with the overcoat. Her contentment faded as her mind went to Sunday. If she fibbed to Aunt Mary and told her she had bought the new coat with her cheque?

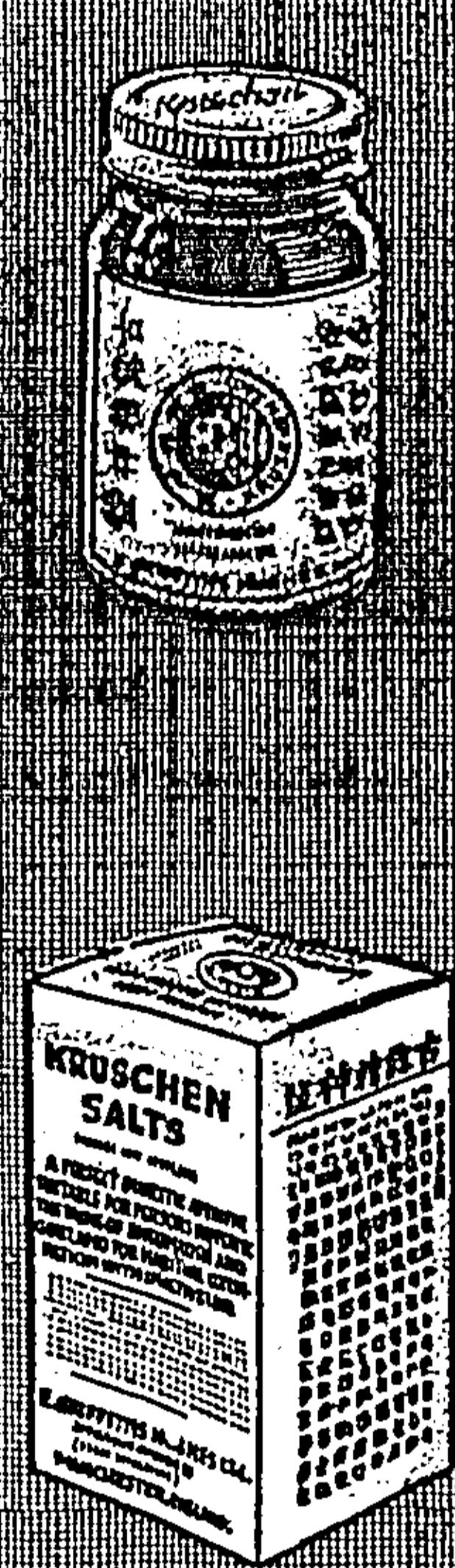
But she dared not tell Dave about Aunt Mary's cheque that she was going to return as tactfully as possible. She wondered what to do.

"Dave you won't tell auntie how much you gave for my coat," she hazarded later as she struggled on his lap in her blue padded dressing gown. "She might think we were extravagant."

Dave's answer sent her alarm rocket high.

"Oh, won't I! And why shouldn't I? I jolly well will. I'll

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Jockeys And Mounts

How They Lost--And Won

TWO unknown riders made history at Kempton Park recently. One of them, named Dawson, signalled his first race in England by steering a 20-to-1 chance to victory. The other unknown, by the name of Eddowes, won by four lengths on another outsider, making mincemeat of the day's "good thing," which was ridden by no less a celebrity than Gordon Richards.

It is just these little incidents that go to make up that "glorious uncertainty of the Turf" about which we hear so much.

A totally unknown young jockey won the Derby on the 50-to-1 outsider Little Wonder, beating the favourite Lancelot, with the great William Scott "up." The lad's name deserves to be recorded. It was Macdonald; and the records say that he was as cool as a veteran all the way. Nearing the post, Scott, who was by no means scrupulous, shouted, "£1,000 for a pull!" The unknown youngster shouted back, "Too late, Mr. Scott!" and went on to win a sensational Derby.

Another obscure jockey carried off the "Blue Ribbon" on Merry Monarch, whose previous performances caused him to go down in racing history as "the worst horse that ever won the Derby." This jockey's name was Bell.

These unknown lads were doubtless going all out; whereas it is not seldom that a more experienced jock has thrown away a race because of over-confidence. Catherstone won the Derby, with the aforementioned Scott in the saddle, by a good margin. In the St. Leger the mount was given to Frank Butler, but this jockey took too much for granted. To his dismay, Job Marson on Nutwith came with an electric rush, and snatched the victory away from Catherstone and him. Marson was a very fine rider, and was on Teddington when he won the Derby. It is pleasing to record that his last mount, ere he retired, was a winner.

Beat Fred Archer

Another tragic tale of over-confidence losing a big race has to be told in connection with that grand horse Flying Dutchman.

In all his victories he had been

ridden by a jockey named Marlow, who came to believe that the "Dutchman" was invincible. In the Doncaster Cup, Marlow was instructed to ride a waiting race; but he vaingloriously decided to disobey his riding-orders, saying "I'll show them what I've got under me to-day!"

Owing to this temerity, Voltigeur got up and just beat the Flying Dutchman—one of the most sensational "upsets" even seen on a racecourse. Marlow's remorse for his disobedience was bitter, and after the race he was seen leaning against the wall of the weighing-room crying like a child, while Lord Eglinton, pale as ashes, was vainly trying to console him. Marlow won other races but died, forgotten, in a workhouse.

Watching the other jockey, in

stead of attending to one's own business, has lost more than one race. A boy called Rossiter was on Robert the Devil in the Derby, when the dreaded Fred Archer was riding Bend Or. Rossiter

stepped off his mount, gratified the owner of his mount, gratified but curious, asked him how he managed it. "Well, sir," replied the innocent lad, "I overheard Mr. Archer saying what he intended to do to me during the race, so I thought the best thing was to jump off in front and keep in front all the way."

Lord Rosebery's Derby winner Ladas lost the St. Leger because Loxton, in the saddle, was busy watching Watts on Matchbox the only opponent he feared. While these two crack jockeys had their eyes upon each other, a gallant filly named Throstle, cleverly steered by Cannon, stole the race.

This habit of Archer's of frightening his inexperienced opponents had an unlooked for repercussion on one occasion. An unknown lad had a totally unexpected win; and while Matchbox was third.

By Don Cathcart

We have already seen how it is not always the crack jockeys who have the big wins. To the names of Macdonald and Bell, just quoted as unknown boys who rode unexpected Derby winners, let us add that of Parsons.

This unknown lad was put up on Caractacus for the great race at Epsom. Now, Caractacus was so little thought of that his owner did not trouble to go to Epsom to see him run. As it turned out, Parsons, young and untried as he was, rode the despised outsider with the coolness and judgment of a hero of a hundred wins, and brought him first past the post in a superb finish.

We hear a good deal about temperamental horses, and their fits of "nerves" and temper. But a jockey can have his little oddities just the same. There was Sammy Morison, who would soliloquise aloud as he rode. Over-confidence, curse of so many jocks, also made him throw away a Derby which his mount Bruce was expected to win. Thinking that he had the race in his pocket, he left off riding, and Tom Cannon took Shotover past him to win.

There was Morris, who was deaf, a disability which is no asset to a jockey. He, too, eased up his mount, Galopin, in a memorable Derby. "Go on, Deafy!" shouted George Fordham. And "Deafy" went on to win.

There was the Yankee Tod Sloan, whose succession of wins went to his head, and made him impossible to deal with.

George Fordham, just mentioned, was known as the "champion kidder" among jockeys, and was up to every legitimate move to deceive his rivals and add to his mount's chances. During his career he rode 2587 winners, thus not being far behind the great Fred Archer's record of 2748.

William Scott had a temperament that made him quarrel with everybody. In one Derby he actually stayed at the starting-post to abuse the starter. So marvellous a rider was he that in spite of this delay he made up the lost ground and was only beaten by a short head. His little episode at the start, by the way, cost him an interview with the Stewards and a £5 fine.



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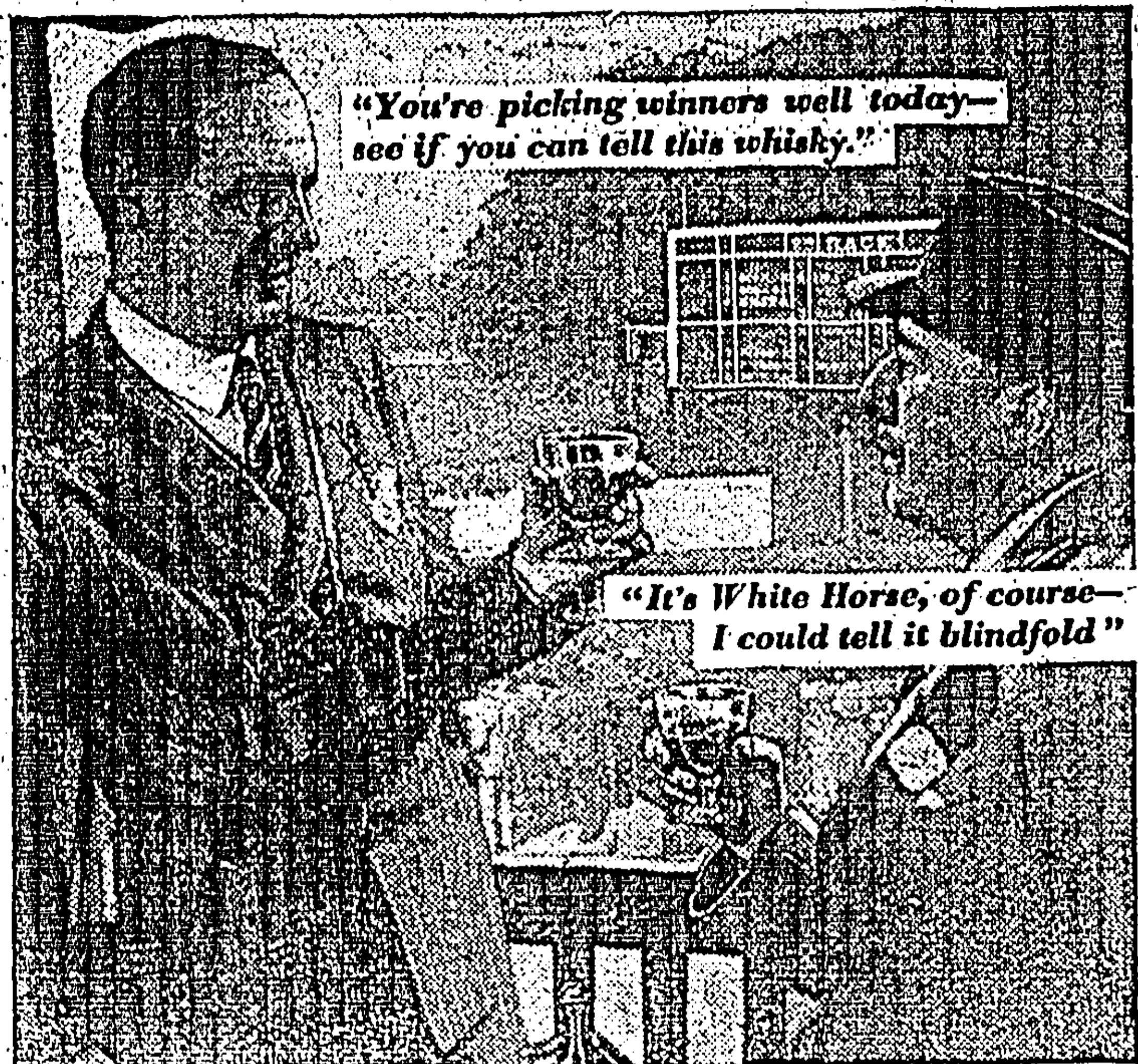
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HAVE THE
PEOPLE
GONE?

TO CHECK
ON THE
EXPLOSION,
MR. MAYOR—

A GUSHER'S
BEEN BROUGHT
IN?

YES!

I'M MAYOR
NOW, SON! I'LL
STOP
THAT!

GOOD!

...AND IT'S
EVEN A
BIGGER
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THAN I
EXPECTED!

HEH!
HEH!
HEH!

OKAY, WARNER—GIT BACK
ON THE JOB! WE'LL CALL
IT BLACK PANTHER. WELL
NO. 1! THAT'LL START
THE KITTY!

WHATCHA
DOIN', BEN?

GOING OVER SOME
PROSPECT CARDS—
REMEMBER, WE'RE
BACK IN THE
REAL-ESTATE
BUSINESS, RUSTY—

'SNO USE, PAL—'SNO USE!
I TELL YOU EVERY PERSON
IN HAPPY VALLEY, 'CEPT YOU
AN' ME AN' MAYOR
BALLINGER HAS GONE
BUGS OVER OIL!

GOOD OLD RUSTY!
I WISH HE WOULDN'T
GET EXCITED SO
EASILY, THOUGH—

HE THINKS HAPPY VALLEY'S
GOING TO TURN INTO AN
OIL CAMP WHEN FOLKS HAVE
VOTED JUST THE OPPOSITE
AND MAYOR BALLINGER WILL
SEE THAT THEIR WISHES
ARE CARRIED OUT—

BUT, GRANDMA, YOU
CAN'T LEASE YOUR LAND!
YOU AND ALL THE OTHER
FOLKS OF HAPPY VALLEY
HAVE JUST—

VOTED TO RUN
THE OIL WELL
DRILLERS OUT
OF TOWN—
YES, I KNOW,
BUT THAT WAS
'FORE THIS
GUSHER COME
IN, SON—

By EDWIN ALGER



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OVERCOAT FOR DAVE

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tell her it cost twice as much. As a matter of fact I am just dying to show her that I can afford to buy you something decent."

It was a case of kissing and persuading. Anne did her best, but Dave was still determined. That night in bed Anne thought it all over, and was far from happy. There would be such a row on Sunday. She could never leave Dave and her aunt alone for a moment.

Could she postpone Aunt Mary's visit? Her spirits slumped as she considered the idea. To put off Aunt Mary was like cancelling Christmas Day for the old lady. But if she came and Dave was in his present mood he would be sure to upset her.

She stretched out her hand and touched his head. He turned over and she knew he was not asleep. "Dave, you will be careful with Aunt Mary on Sunday. She is—"

"Oh, dry up, darling," Dave's voice was tired. "I'm fed up with her. It's Aunt Mary this and Aunt Mary that. If we smash one of the rotten cups she gave us for a wedding present you worry yourself stiff till you've replaced it. Why must we live in fear and trembling of an old woman?" He turned over again.

Anne did not know what to answer. But when she thought he had gone to sleep he said apologetically, "I'm sorry, old girl, I will be careful, but sometimes it is terribly difficult. Let's hope she doesn't start lecturing me though, I've almost had enough."

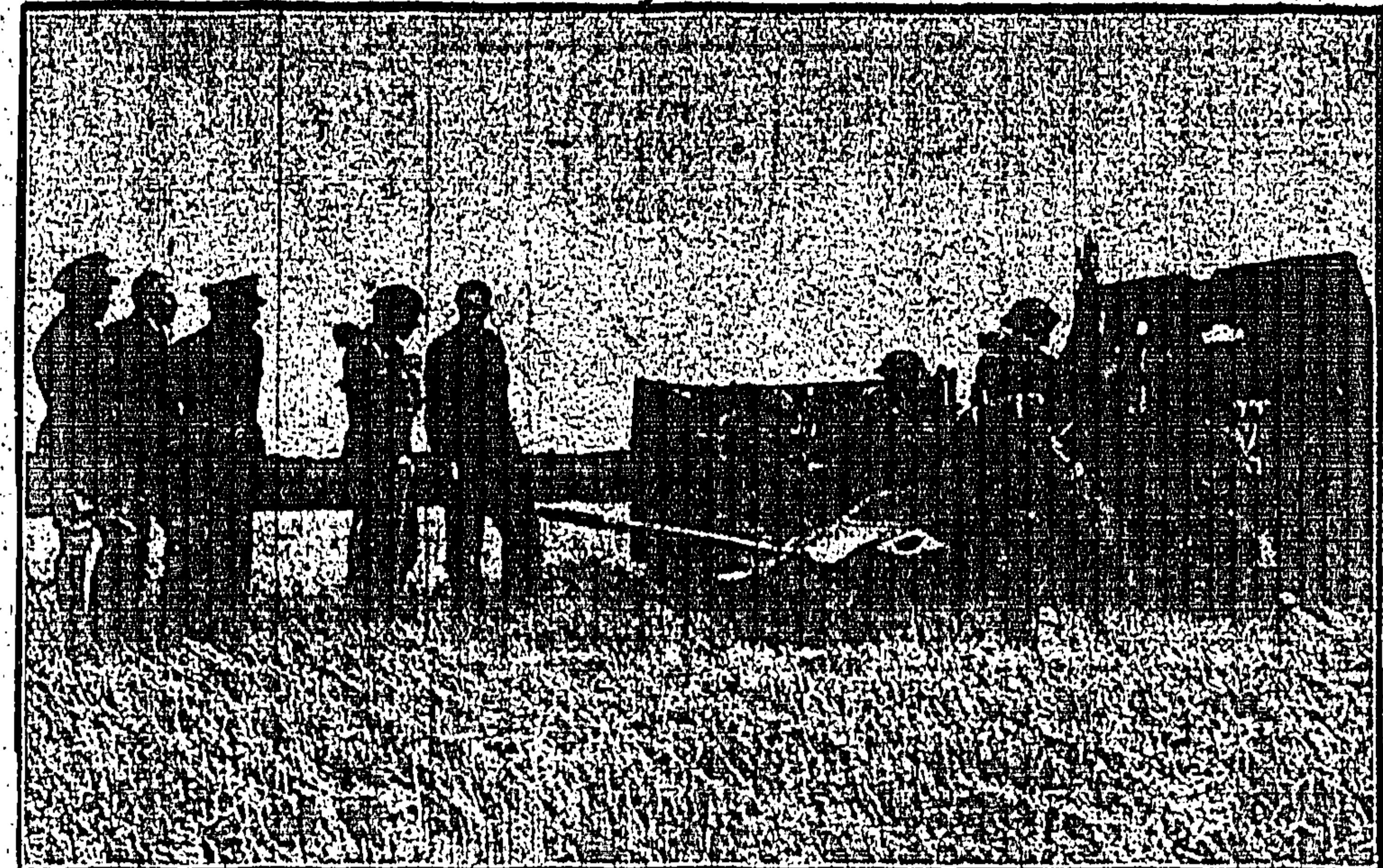
Sunday afternoon Aunt Mary blithely installed herself on the settee in the flower-decked drawing-room. With her bright bird-like eyes, her severe black taffeta frock, and the heavy gold chain round her neck, she was a striking contrast to Anne's pink and blue colour scheme. On her carefully arranged grey hair was a hat that seemed to Anne a direct challenge to modern fashion.

Only Aunt Mary could wear a bird's nest, complete with exotic fowl, securely meshed by a heavy veil, and not look ridiculous. Anne did her best to keep the conversation from sinking into silence. In one of the dreadful pauses she realised she would have to leave Aunt Mary and Dave alone while she made the tea.

As she got up her troubled eyes flashed a silent prayer to Dave to cheer up and be sociable. But instead he sat, his face very red, and leaned forward over his elbows, and seemed to be absorbed in the pattern of the carpet. Why was he biting his lips? Was he going to quarrel with Aunt Mary? She decided it was not the moment to leave them.

After ten minutes of prolonged agony she dared to go to the kitchen. Waiting for the kettle to boil she tiptoed nervously into the hall to listen if they were talking. Dave's voice brought her to an abrupt halt.

The kettle boiled over. Anne rushed back to turn off the gas. Her face was pale as she entered the drawing-room. Dave was standing up now; she saw his



Mr. Anthony Eden made a comprehensive tour of an Armoured Division in the Eastern Command recently. Here Mr. Eden is watching artillerymen at drill. (Copyright, Fox).

hands gesticulating as if he was very angry. She leaned weakly against the wall, appalled. What she had feared had happened. They were quarreling.

"Yes, and you can keep your money," she heard Dave say hotly. "I don't want it. I'm sorry, and I don't want to offend you, but I won't allow you to criticise Anne. She is my wife and when she wants anything I'll earn the money and give it her, and—"

"Oh, Dave!" Anne found her voice.

Dave swung round tersely. "Sorry, Anne, I'm afraid I've offended your aunt. I didn't mean to, but you see she sent—"

Anne whooped with surprise, and disappeared. When she came back she was too breathless to speak; she just panted. Dave stared at the pink slip of paper she pushed under Aunt Mary's nose. "I say, Anne, what on earth?"

Anne's eyes told him to keep quiet. She steadied herself. "Auntie, dear," she contrived quietly, "I wanted to explain before, but I couldn't. H-here is the cheque you sent me. I couldn't possibly accept it, not when you feel as you do about Dave."

Anne stopped suddenly. She rushed her hands to her mouth. Her surprised eyes fixed in a blank wondering stare on Aunt Mary's face. Was the old lady ill? Was she light-headed or something? Anne looked at Dave. He was staring dumbfounded.

Aunt Mary was laughing as if she was enjoying a tremendous joke. Jubilantly she tore the two cheques into little pieces and scattered them into the fireplace.

"Something for you to clean up, Anne," she chuckled, her dark eyes twinkling as she surveyed the pair of them. "Oh, dear, oh, dear! I have been wanting a good laugh for such a long time."

Anne subsided into the armchair and was comforted that Dave had moved across to be near her. She put her hand in his.

"My dears," Aunt Mary's voice was a little shaky as she stretched out her arms across to them. "Come over here, both of you, you naughty children, and let me explain," she said, coaxingly. "I'm not mad, really I'm not, although I suppose I'm a little light-headed with happiness. Dave, stop looking like Donald Duck and sit down." She dabbed at her eyes with a lace handkerchief.

"Give me a minute and I'll explain what a naughty old woman I have been, and, Dave, your fountain-pen, please."

She almost snatched the pen from Dave's startled fingers. Her ivory white face was set in a determined smile as she rustled over to the bureau in the corner. Over her shoulder she called: "My dears, I'm going into business. Dave, come over here."

Dave did not move at first, so Anne pushed him forward firmly. "Yes, aunt," he mumbled sheepishly.

"Listen, young man, I have always known you had the best girl in the family, but I wasn't sure whether you were aware of it, or whether you deserved her. Seems to me you do. Now I have found out you are worth while I'm going to invest something more than affection in you two. Dave, it was fine of you to give me back that cheque I sent because I criticised your wife. I did it on purpose, and I am glad you had sufficient grit to tell me I am a meddling interfering 'old busybody.' She gave him a slip of pink paper.

"Here's a cheque for £1,000. I want you to use it to set yourself up in a wireless business, when you have paid for Anne's birth-

day present."

"But, aunt," Anne's heart turned over at the truculence in Dave's a month's notice to the firm re-

member—and I wangled a five

out of the cashier for your coat, on the condition I paid it back at £1 a week."

Anne sighed. "So I suppose I really shall have to go light on the housekeeping for months and months, and feed you on margarine, unless the new business will advance me a loan on account."

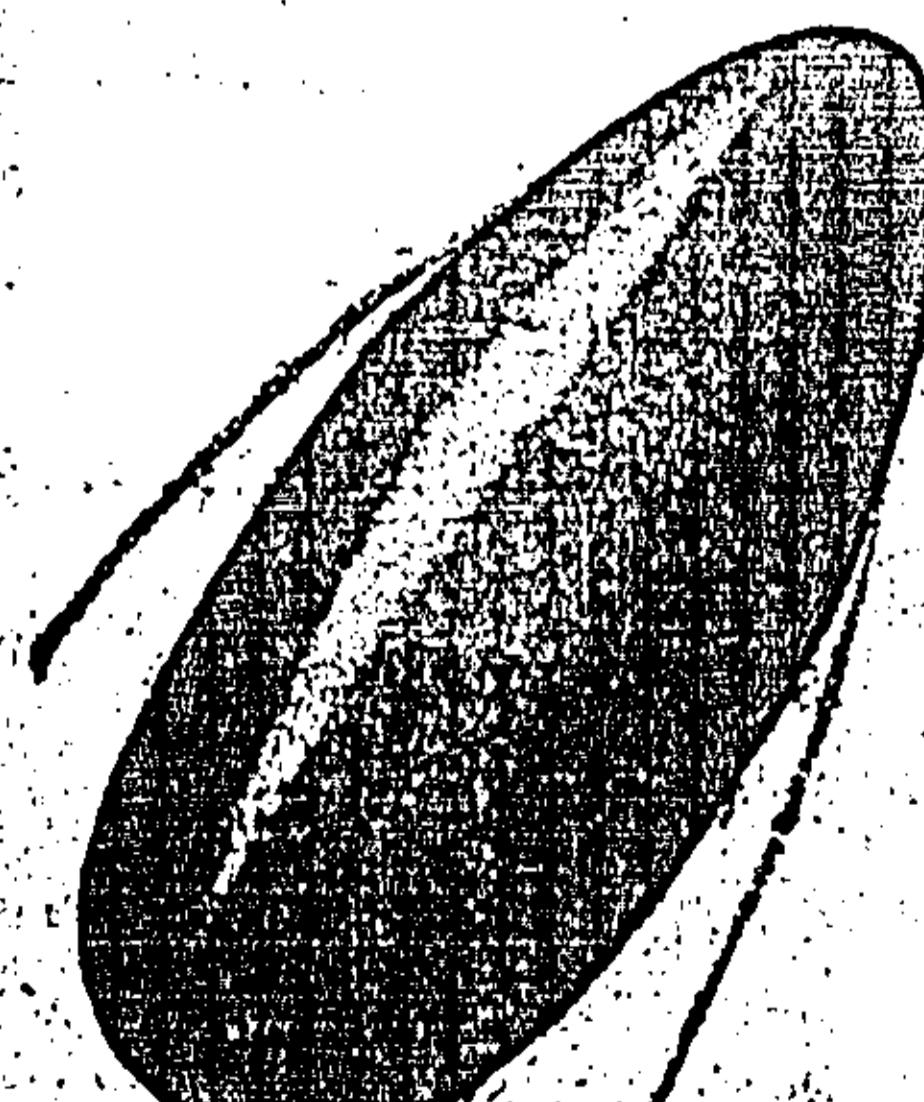
"It will, if you're very good," Dave whispered. Anne shut her eyes contentedly as he kissed her.

How wonderful life was, a lovely blissful dream, she and Dave always together, helping each other.

"My sweet," Dave murmured suddenly, "don't cry, you make me feel the same way."

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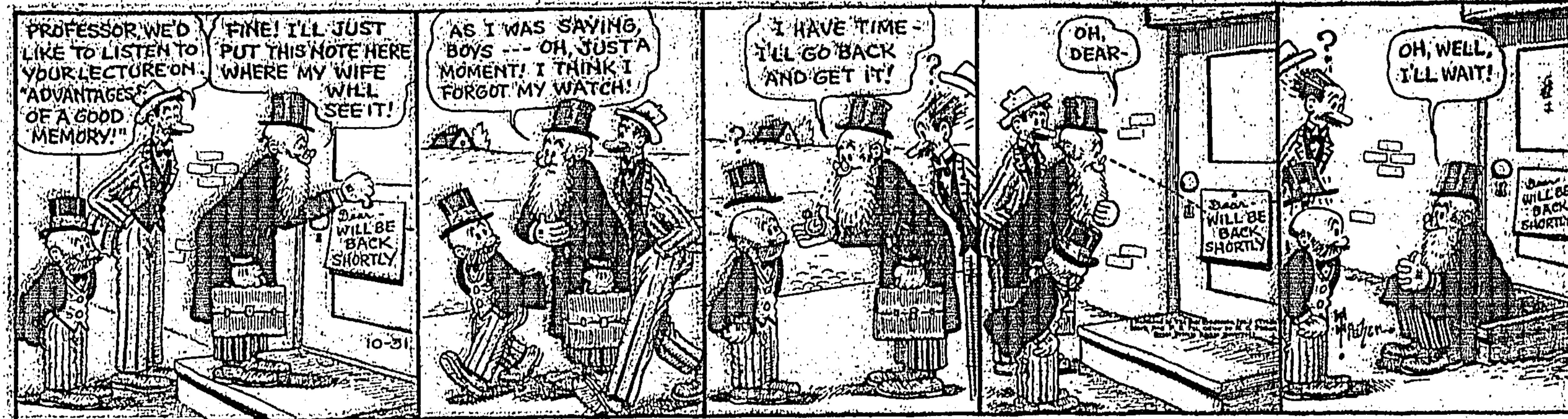
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Solving War-Time Dress Problems

How clothes are worn and how appropriate they are for the wearer are of more importance than how many frocks one possesses.

For the woman of limited income it is far better to have one or two good frocks, harmonising in every detail with accessories, than to have a greater number of inferior gowns that have no relationship in colour and style with the wearer, or with the accessories worn in conjunction with them.

In choosing clothes, exercise care to see that the colours selected are calculated to flatter the natural colour of the wearer. The right colours will depend upon its type of hair and complexion one possesses.

Each article of attire should act as a complement to the general

effects; and when the purse is small as to its contents the choice of style should be such as to provide the greatest suitability for the greatest number of occasions.

Remember, also, that the posture plays a large part in how clothes look when on the figure. A little attention to the way one walks, and the way the head is carried, goes a long way towards making the commonplace ensemble look interesting.

If it is worn only in parts, you can treat it effectively by

By Vera Wise

securing a lining of a harmonising colour with the one now in the garment.

The work will look patchy if you use a material which is a near-match. That is why it is best to buy something entirely different in colour, but of the same class of material.

If the lining of a top coat is to be renovated, a new top from between the waistline and the collar, can be put in.

The new lining can also be used for the upper portions of each sleeve, thus matching the top lining.

The lower portions of the sleeves can be made, if they are needing replacement, from the good portions of the material that were removed when making the new top.

Since the armholes and top of the lining are the parts where signs of wear invariably occur, the above treatment is most effective.

Woolens need special treatment in the laundry. Here are some useful suggestions:

Jumpers, cardigans and other woolen garments that are liable to lose to their shape after washing should be dried by pressing out the bulk of the moisture before laying out flat on clean white wrapping paper in the sun.

Never wring out woolens. If you are in a hurry, squeeze out the worst of the moisture, place the garment in a dry towel and beat gently with a copper stick, before putting out to dry.

Some of the more finely woven woolen garments become shiny in places that are subject to constant rubbing. This defect can be overcome by rubbing carefully with sand-paper before cleaning them. The treatment is equally as good as using a wire brush for medium weaves, and much better for the finer weaves.

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How to Gain Weight

So numerous are the women who want to slim that a beauty editor is apt to forget about the underweights! But they have their definite problems too, for being underweight does not help one's appearance and it is detrimental to good health. The too thin girl tires easily and she is quite likely to be nervous as her "protective pad" of fat is not sufficient to act as a shock absorber for her nerves.

What few underweights realise is that their condition is caused because their bodies are not functioning normally. And it is usually in the digestive system where the trouble lies.

First Step

Modern nutritionists advise us to flush out the mucus and impurities which have been collecting for some time and making it impossible for sufficient nourishment to be absorbed from the food we eat. For, as a matter of fact, many of the too-thin girls eat enormous meals. But the food is not absorbed.

Scientific flushing of the body is done by eating nothing but fruit and vegetable juices for a few days. Fruit juices especially recommended are orange, un-sweetened pineapple and tomato. The vegetable juices (taken raw) are: carrot, spinach, beet, celery, parsley and others.

Once your digestive tract is clear of disturbing deposits eat fresh, green vegetables, fruits every day, young, tender meats and pure milk. Do not drink water with your meals for water has a tendency to dilute the sali-

Health Drink

Several times a day (between meals) mix one fresh egg yolk with a glass of orange juice. Add to it one tablespoon of honey. Beat until foamy.

Or whip up one or two ripe bananas in a tall glass of milk two or three times a day for ripe bananas furnish the enzyme which helps you to digest other foods.

More Health Rules

Every day the sun shines you should bask in it from one to two hours.

Chew your food very carefully. Never rush your meals. Take time to eat calmly.

As thin types are likely to have smaller stomachs and shorter intestines it is more sensible for them to eat smaller meals but to eat more often.

Exercise self-control. Do not worry so much. Get plenty of rest and let a lot of little detail time. Fruit juices especially recommended are orange, un-sweetened pineapple and tomato. The vegetable juices (taken raw) are: carrot, spinach, beet, celery, parsley and others.

Remember that eggs, pecans, all fruits, all whole grains, honey, cheese, lean young meats, milk and cream, steaks, fish, and all vegetables, are the foods you require to BALANCE your nutrition. Until your motto is balanced, and you are giving your body ALL it needs to gain weight, it will never round out into alluring curves. In time with your meals for water you will instinctively know what to eat.

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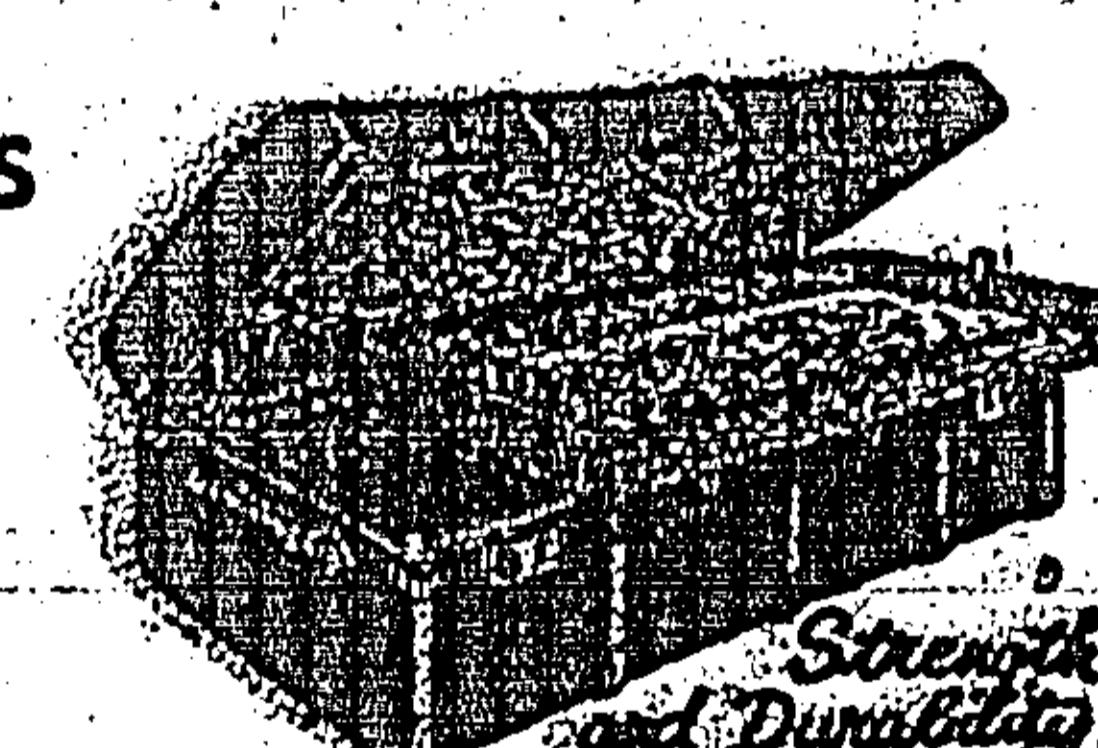
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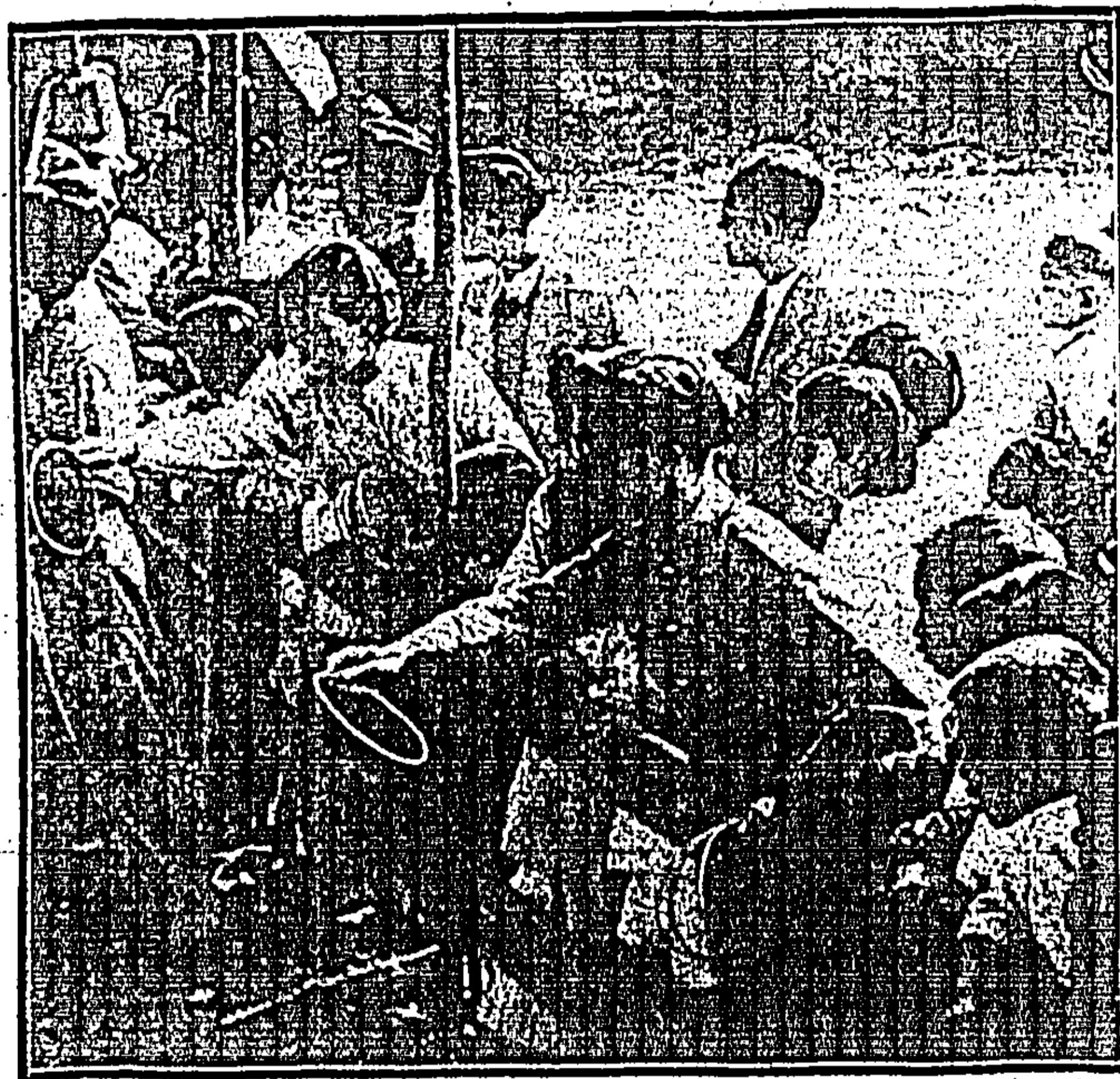
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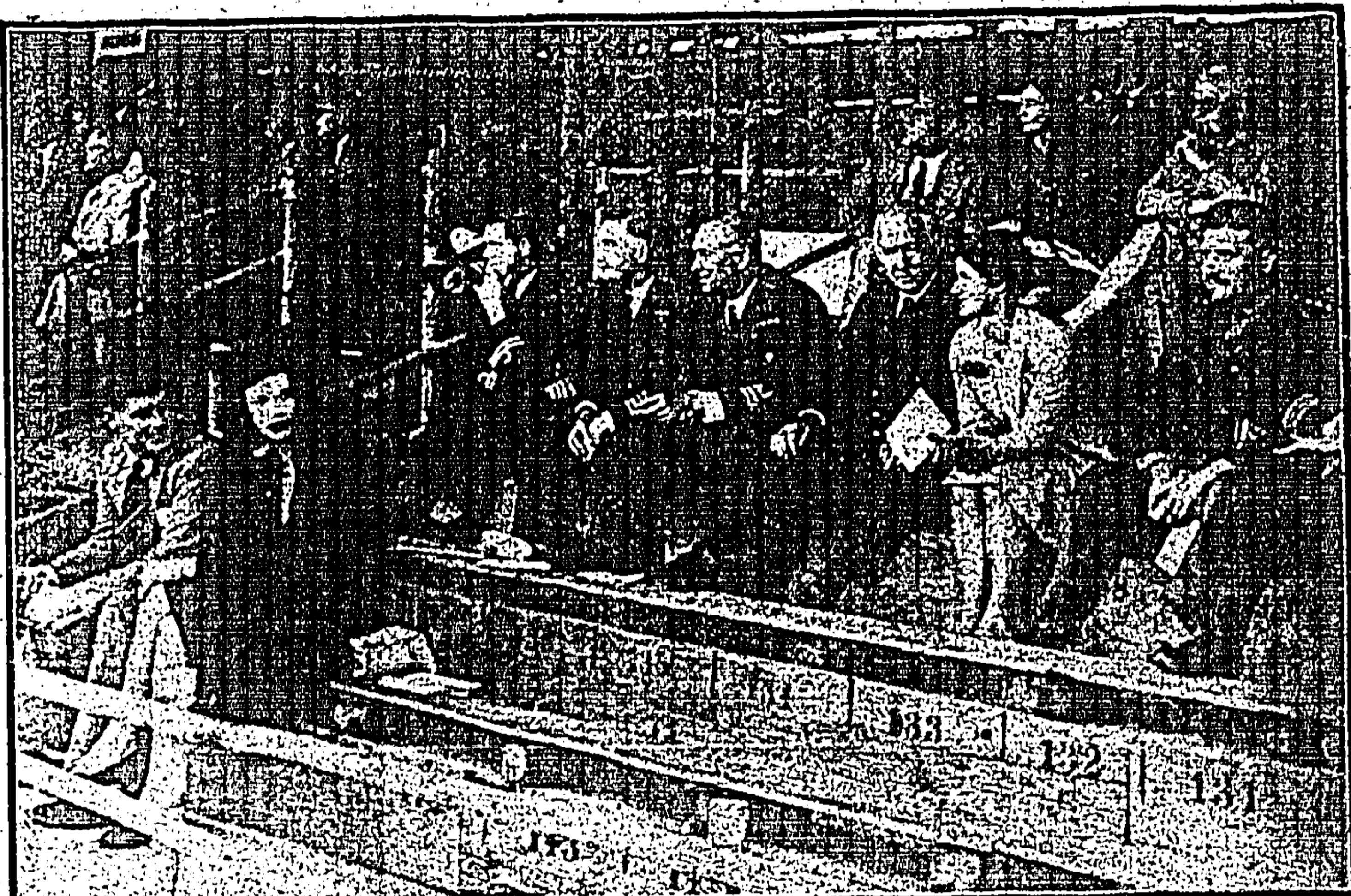
"Grandma" Hutchinson stealing a base in the Cardinals-Little Flowers Softball contest on Sunday.



Hoop-la at the three-day Bazaar at Causeway Bay.



Only a handful of spectators attended Sunday's Softball matches at the K.F.C.



Some of the spectators who were thrilled at the Club-Navy Rugger match on the Club ground.

(Right)—Taken in Canton city, this picture refutes reports that foreign charity work has stopped in the Kwangtung capital. It shows some of the 4,000 Chinese who are fed each day by the Baptist Mission.



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The present repair ships even act as floating post offices, bases for trawlers, and provide recreation and rest for submarine crews.

Shortly before the Great War the Navy also built several specially designed depot and repair ships. Some were quite small, designed principally for resting the crews of submarines.

But H.M.S. Maidstone for submarines and H.M.S. Woolwich for destroyers were far more ambitious. The Maidstone had cabins and hammock spaces for officers and ratings, and was also able to effect all but the most serious repairs for submarines.

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Neighbours told me glowing stories of his courageous action. "Without a thought for the risk," one of them said, "the doctor who is no longer a young man and has already done his bit, scrambled over the burning wreckage and helped the demolition men to look for the trapped people. We all thought they must be dead, then faint cries were heard, and soon they were found, badly injured, but supported from the full weight of the house by cross beams and joists."

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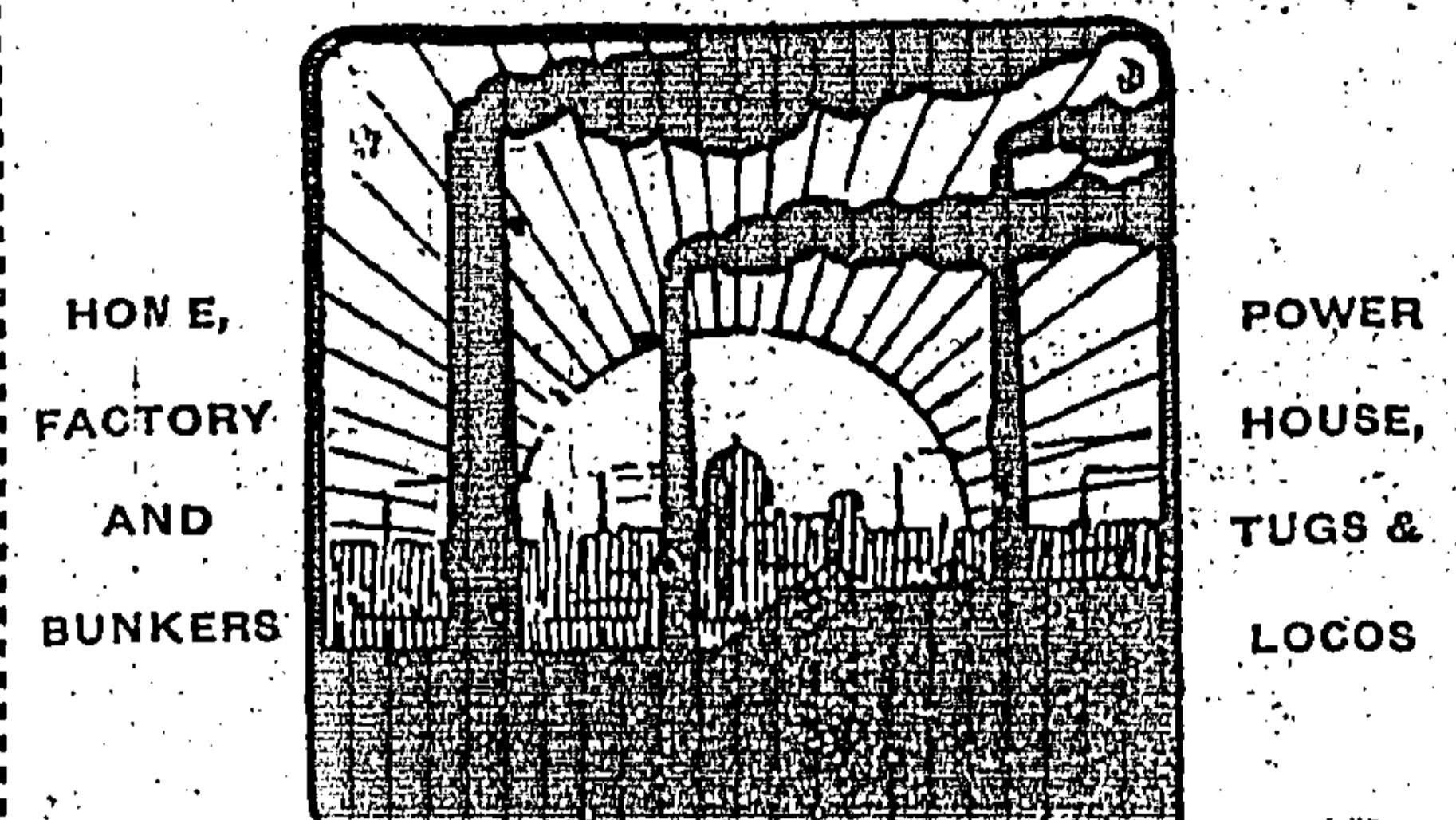
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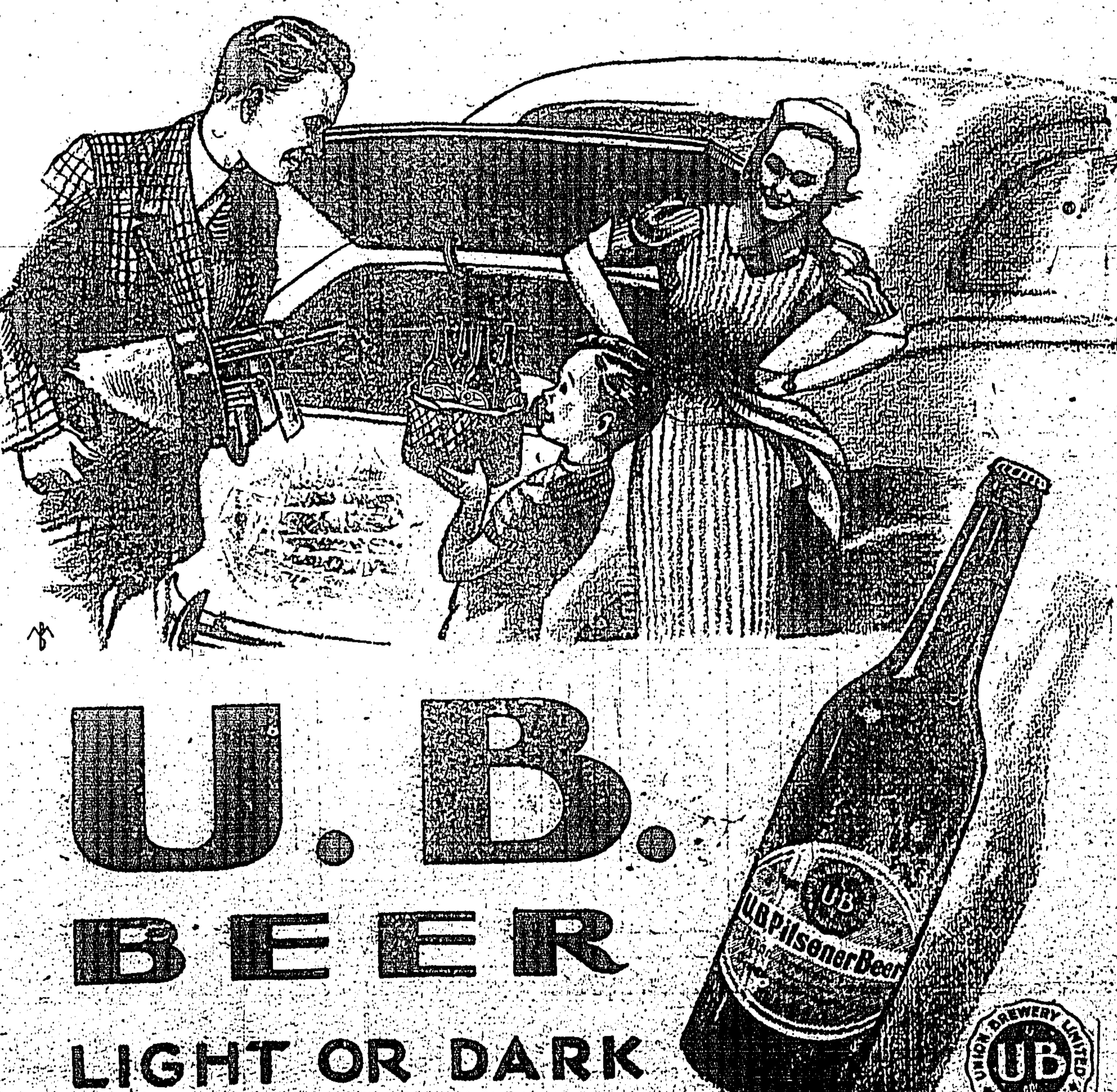
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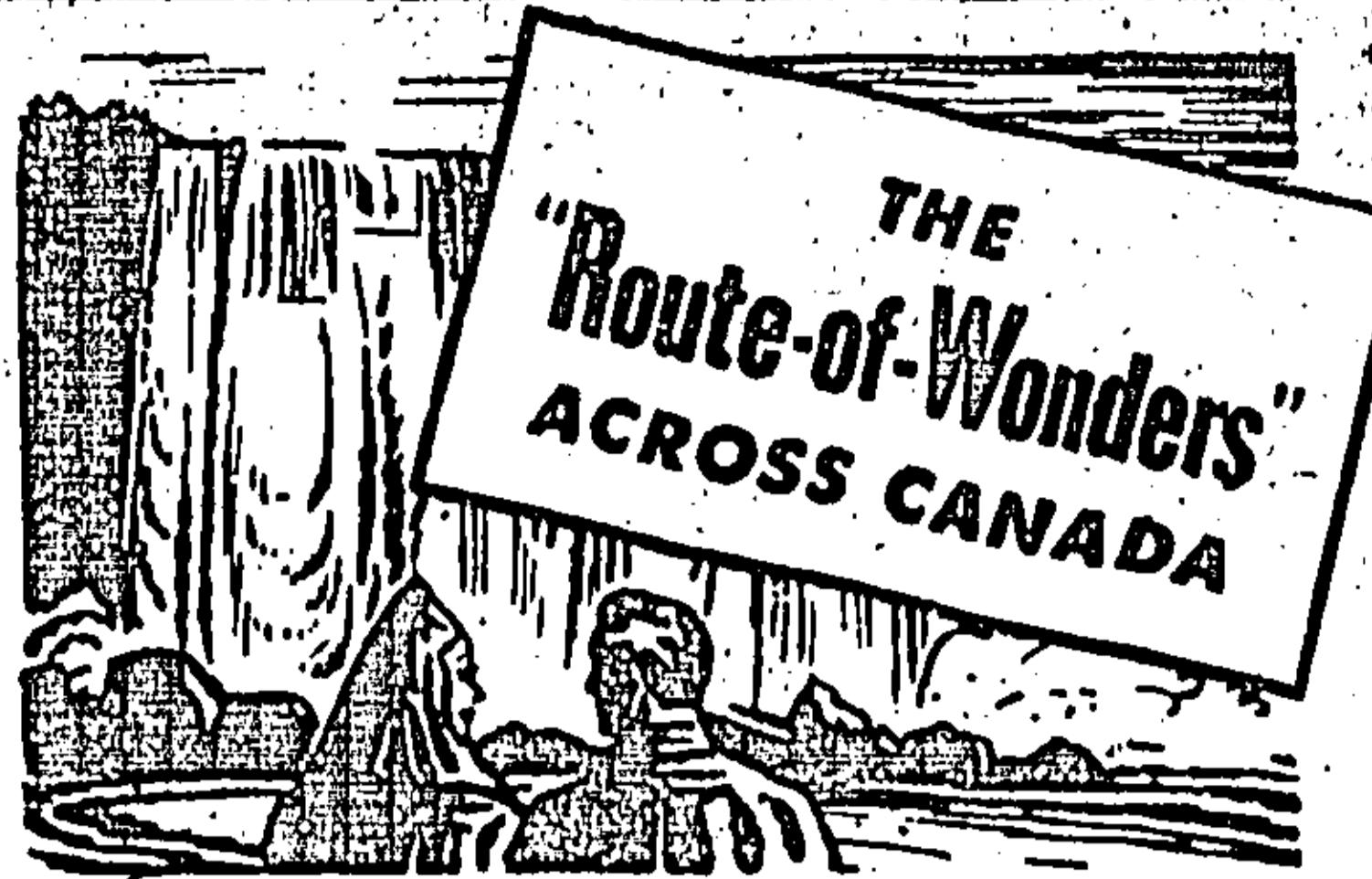
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Vivian Ellis at the Piano.

12.40 p.m.—Geraldo and His Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Boccherini—Concerto in B Flat Major.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—John McCormack (Tenor) and the London Palladium Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—The Kentucky Minstrels, Whisper-and-I Shall Hear (Piccolomini)...Soloist: John Duncan.

The Song that Reached My Heart (Jordan)...Soloist: Gwen Catley & John Duncan.

Carry Me Back to Green Pastures (Pepper)...Soloist: George James.

7.45 p.m.—Marcel Palotti at the Organ.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—Stanley Holloway.

8.30 p.m.—Variety, with Robinson Cleaver and Patricia Rossborough, Les Allen (Baritone), The Eight Piano, Symphony, Gertrude Lawrence, and The Big Four.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: Books & People.

9.45 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert & Sullivan.

10.15 p.m.—Variety, with London Symphony Orchestra, Webster Booth, Edith Lorand & Her Viennese Orchestra, Patricia Rossborough, Norman Long, Ethel Waters, and Arthur Askey.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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SUCCESSFUL WING PLAY

ON HOW TO PLAY SOCCER

By "Referee"

IN first class football, successful wing play depends upon a variety of intelligent, planned movements to outwit and baffle the opposing defence. It is wrong to think mere speed on the part of the wing-man is the only essential to success. A smart turn of speed at the psychological moment is vital in raiding, but speed without effective ball-control is useless. It is not the picturesque runner on the wing who makes for success, but what that player with his speed can do to initiate movements that bring goals to his side.

In the first place, to be successful at wing play, one has to make a study of the fine art of raiding; not rushing down the touchline with the opposing wing-half in full cry, but a deliberate movement to draw off the defence in your direction and allowing the inside forwards the chance of taking up a scoring position.

All this has to be sized-up when on the run down the wing, and if one's anticipation is not justified, and the opposing defence refuse to lose their positions of control over the other forwards, then it is a matter of ball-control, a dead stop, and a direct move towards the centre position, leaving the inside man to take one's place hoping the wing-half will be decoyed from his position. It often happens in a manoeuvre of this type that the wing man finds himself temporary centre-forward, and heading direct for goal. Should his movement succeed and the defence immediately give chase, a deft touch of the ball at the right moment is given to the opposite unmarked wing player who has anticipated the movement and taken up a scoring position. The opposing defence has been baffled in two ways by over-concentration on the raiding wing player and the inside-forwards in the anxious moments of defence, and by neglecting to watch the opposite wing player positioning to shoot for goal.

Ball Control Vital To Wingers

Ball-control is the vital essential in successful wing play. Without it no dangerous move can be executed. This does not only mean the ability to gather a ball quickly, but absolute control of the ball in passing. Often it happens that too vigorous kicking on the part of a wing player will spoil the positioning of the inside-forwards.

Kicking too hard or too high only results in wasted movements. This is usually noticeable in the corner kick. It looks the easiest thing in the world for the wing player to kick from the corner into the goal mouth. It is easy to kick the ball that distance, but control is necessary to judge the height and speed of the ball, and the place where it should drop among the opposing players in the goal mouth. The winger should always try to place the corner kick so that the ball falls near the penalty spot, twelve yards from the goal line.

The advantage gained in this corner kicking is two-fold; it is too far for the goalkeeper to rush out to save, and near enough for the defence to crowd and unsight him. In the mix-up which follows at such a dangerous distance from the goal, there is always the possibility of an inside-forward or half-back scoring a goal. The same thing happens in kicking from a position very near the corner on the goal-line. Raise the ball so that it will drop in the goal mouth some yards out of reach of the goal-keeper, and at the same time giving the inside-forwards a chance of heading a goal.

A Wing Has To Be Cunning And Cautious

When up against a strong and planned defence the wing man, especially if the play keeps in mid-field, has to be cunning and cautious in all his movements. It may be a question of using all the known arts and science of the game and even then failing to make an impression on stalwart defenders. Then it becomes a question either of a solo race for goal at the least chance, or exploiting the long-passing game and trying to wear down and out-maneuvre the opposition. The former is often successful, but the latter course needs to be executed with great care or else, as a reactionary measure, the defence will play the "off-side" rule against the opposite winger. It is again a question of ball-control and the angle at which the ball is passed across the field.

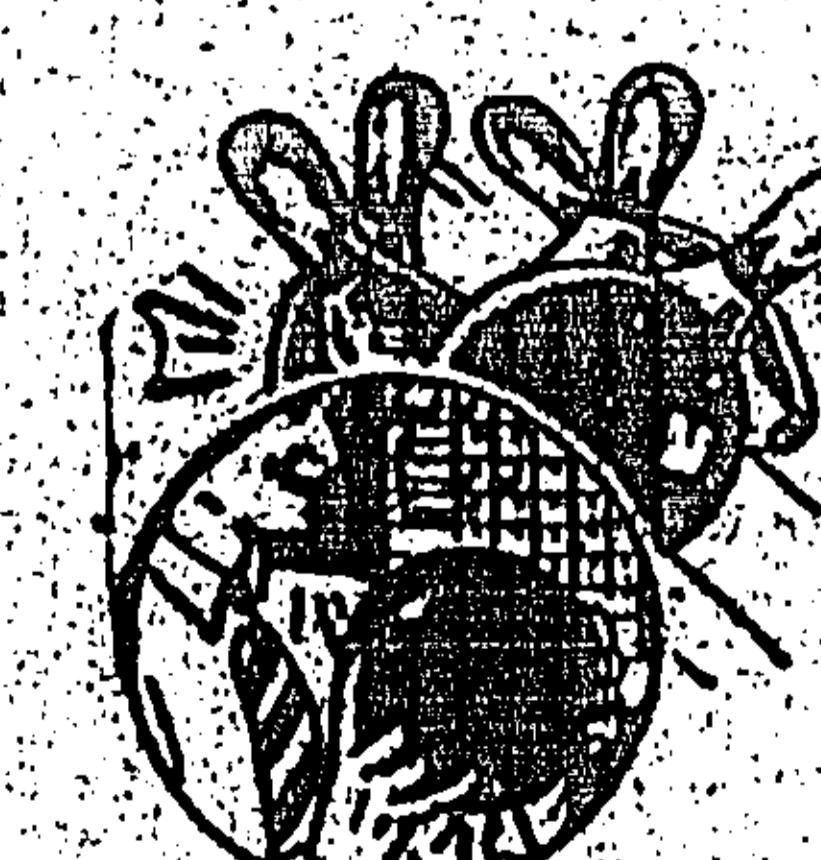
The successful wing player is also completely in harmony with the play of his immediate inside man and the supporting wing-half-back, and on occasions, especially in attack, he might have to exchange place with either one of them at a moment's notice. He should know and judge to a foot just where to pass the ball, to the side-forward or supporting half-back.

There is much in this triangular play leading to ultimate success, especially as it makes for progress goalwards, and is almost certain to entangle the opposing defence. The danger of such play is inaccurate backward passing; the least misplacement of a backward passed ball might mean it going to an opposing forward who would have the chance of dashing away as the defence would be well up the field supporting the attack.

Strategists Of A Team In Many Respects

Is it the wing player's job to score goals? Certainly, if he has the chance, which is rare. His play should lead up to goal-getting. From his play, more so than from any other member of the team, are goals supposed to come. His craft is feeding the inside-forwards with deft, accurate passes, and seeing they are in scoring position before he parts with the ball and placing it on the right side of the opposing backs so that they are always "on-side" in play. His work is also "forcing" corners, thus creating a chance of scoring from the scramble in front of goal resulting from an accurately placed kick.

The successful wing player is the advancing raider of his team's attack. Upon him depends much of the ultimate success of



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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

J. A. VASKO, veteran Duck Pin Bowler of U.S.A. Tulsa bagged a brilliant 156 last Thursday. His score sheet showed that he made five spares on his third, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth frames, and then struck out with three beautiful strikes in succession (almost a ten pins score). I believe the best of three strikes in a row has only been accomplished three times before in these Alleys.

However, 156 is not the record for the Alleys. Mrs. E. Soong holds the record with 168 established in March, 1939, Corp. H. Blount of the Royal Corps of Signals being next best with 148 made last month, and Spr. J. R. Fawcett third with 157 made in November, 1939.

On the same day a keen five game Duck Pins match was played between Tulsa and a representative team from the Alleys. This match resulted in a win for Tulsa by 159 pins. Following were the results:

U.S.S. Tulsa	Alley Team
R. E. Bellor 518	H. Blount 500
J. E. Vasko 499	S. H. Neate 487
O. F. Drewes 486	T. W. Wright 429
A. A. Borg 484	S. H. Ismail 412

Bellor, for Tulsa, was the star bowler of this match. He made a very useful 512 or an average of almost 104 pins per game, and also netted three good scores of over 100, a 103 on his second game, 118 on his third game and 104 on his fourth game.

Blount, for the Alley Team, was second top scorer with 500, but registered only one score of 100 or over, a 129 on his fourth game, this being the highest individual score of the match.

Vasko, for Tulsa, was also down on his usual efforts in match games, he was very close behind Blount with 499 in his bag, another pin would have made him exactly 500 pins.

A Close Tussle

S. H. Neate, for Alley Team, O. F. Drewes and A. A. Borg for Tulsa were almost neck and neck as far as scoring was concerned. Neate netting 487, Drewes 486 and Borg 484. Wright, for Alley Team, who has been bowling good Duck Pins in match games lately was well below his usual form, and only scored 429. Ismail for the Alley Team, was also below form and only scored 412.

The average score per player per game for Tulsa worked out at 99.35 pins per game, while that of the Alley Team was 91.4 pins per game.

We were treated to rather an impromptu two game Ten Pin match on Friday last, the match was between four Midshipmen and four Naval Ratings.

The Middies had never played the game before and as could only be expected they lost to their more experienced opponents by 110 pins. The scoring, all round, was not brilliant but this was made up by the spirit of camaraderie and good sportsmanship between the two teams. The individual scores were as follows:

Naval Ratings	Middies
Chandler 244	K. M. Tear 227
Williamson 226	P. Murray-Jones 209
Murphy 222	J. G. Roe 192
Cowper 195	A. C. O'Riordan 168

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Chandler Outstanding

Chandler, for Naval Ratings, was top scorer with 244. This was followed very closely by Midshipman Tear with 227. He might have done better had he not made a lowly 98 in his second game. There was very little between Williamson, Murphy and Cowper for the Ratings. Williamson scored 226 and incidentally had the highest individual score of the match. He made 131 on his first

game; his speed, his accurate ball-control, his deft centring and well-timed passing, his genius in attempting to draw the defence to gain time for his inside-forwards to position for goal-scoring, and his initiative and courageous boldness in a solo effort when he sees the inside men are far too well-marked, make him the strategist of the team. Successful wing play in modern football is responsible for many well-merited victories.

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This is the second of a series of four articles, which will be published as space permits.

CRICKET

TAMAR EASILY BEAT GUNNERS

At Sookunpoo yesterday H.M.S. Tamar beat 5th A.A. Regiment Royal Artillery, by 105 runs in a friendly game.

Going in first, Tamar lost their first wicket before a run was scored, but Whiteside and West put on 94 runs before Whiteside was bowled by Humphries for 32 which included four boundaries. West, who was then joined by Perkins, was bowled by Martin before there was any addition to the score.

West had scored 47 runs during which he found the ropes on nine occasions.

Boyes quickly knocked up 42 not out, thanks to five boundaries.

Only Captain Ingram for Artillery, was comfortable against the bowling of West and Allison. Ingram, opened the innings and stayed until the fall of the seventh wicket, scoring 39 finding the boundaries five times.

The only other Gunner to reach double figures was Martin with 26 not out.

West, in his first two overs took 3 wickets for 5 runs.

H.M.S. TAMAR

Wilson, b Barsby	0
Whiteside, b Humphries	32
West, b Martin	47
Perkins, st. McCadden, b Dobbinson	22
Brown, l.b.w., b Barsby	4
Honeywell, b Dobbinson	19
Roughley, c and b Morgan	13
Allison, b Barsby	1
Hopkins, not out	13
Horgan, c Lawton, b Martin	4
Boyes not out	24
Extras (LB9, B14)	23
Total (for 9 wkts. dec.)	202
Bowling Analysis	
O. M. R. W.	
Barsby 9 0 56 3	
Dobbinson 3 0 57 2	
Martin 5 0 26 2	
Humphries 3 0 13 1	
Morgan 2 0 17 1	
Saunders 1 0 10 0	

5TH A.A.R.A.

Ingram, c Perkins, b Brown	39
Dobbinson, b West	0
Sidder, b West	1
Barsby, c Horgan, b Allison	0
Morgan, st. Hopkins, b Allison	6
Hopkins, c Honeywell, b Allison	9
McCadden, c Brown, b West	0
Martin, not out	26
Saunders, b Brown	1
Lawton, b Roughley	0
Kew, b West	7
Extras (B6, LB3)	9
Total	97
Bowling Analysis	
O. M. R. W.	
West 7 0 28 5	
Allison 4 1 17 2	
Brown 2 0 20 0	
Horgan 1 0 0 1	

LIFE SAVING AWARDS

Examinations for the Bronze Medal and Instructor's Certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society were held recently under Q.M.S. T. Parry, and resulted in the following passing out successfully for the Bronze Medallion:

L.Sgt. Davidson, L/Cpl. T. Rawlins, Bdr. J. Casey, L/Bdr. T. Lear, L/Bdr. J. Jones, L/Bdr. R. McNulty, L/Bdr. K. Ainsworth, L. Cpl. W. Pitcher, L/Cpl. L. Parry, Cpl. F. Theaker, L/Cpl. C. Williamson, L/Cpl. R. Hunt, L/Cpl. J. Murphy, Sgmn. W. Golding and Pte. A. Davidson.

Pte. A. Davidson secured the 1st Class Instructor's Badge.

SAINTS' HOCKEY TEAM

The following will represent St. Andrew's men in a hockey match against C.B.A. tomorrow at 4.30 p.m. on the C.B.A. ground:

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SUNDAY'S HOCKEY PROGRAMME

Following is the programme of Sunday hockey games and the umpires:

Police "A" v. University (Police ground, 10.30 a.m.)

Umpires—T. A. Tyas and W. Watkin.

Police "B" v. Khalsa (Police ground, 11.45 a.m.)

Umpires—T. A. Tyas and W. Watkin.

A.N. Other's XI v. 5th A.A. "B" ("Y" ground, 10.30 a.m.)

Umpires—L. Coombe and E. Vasco.

M.T.B. v. 5th A.A. "A" (Navy ground, King's Park, 4 p.m.)

Umpire—J. T. K. Gilchrist and G. Goran.

SOFTBALL TEAMS

The following will represent Cyclones and Indians in the Softball League.

CYCLONES

A. R. Razack (Capt.), "Kelly" Silvia

Netto, A. K. Marker, I. Harbin, A. R. Rumjahn, S. Bux, K. M. Rumjahn,

Barney, Abang, A. Bakar, Pinky Pineda, M. B. Hassan, A. R. Marker, Alfred Abang and A. M. Omar.

INDIANS

A. K. Omar (Capt.), S. Harvett, A.

H. Ismail, A. R. Abang, K. Nazar, O. S. Arculli, H. Hocklai, K. Litchell, M. el

Arculli, A. B. Hassan and J. Ali.

AUTUMN CHAMPIONS ANYONE'S RACE

Eve Of Harvest Seems Logical Choice O-Lan Will Offer Strong Challenge: Burford And Clember Also In The Hunt

By "Rapier"

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING, TO BE HELD TO-MORROW AT THE VALLEY, WILL RING DOWN THE CURTAIN ON THE 1940 RACING SEASON OF HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. WITH THE COMPLETION OF TO-MORROW'S MEETING IT WILL MEAN THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR OF MOST ENJOYABLE RACING, AND I ANTICIPATE THAT, WITH THE FINE WEATHER NOW PREVAILING, A RECORD CROWD WILL PROBABLY TURN OUT TO WITNESS THE TERMINATION OF THE RACING YEAR.

The two Autumn Champions will form the main attraction in a programme of eight events, and keen racing should be the order of the day. Entries in connection with the two Champions events are post entries, so much so that likely starters are not known, and my comments are, therefore, based on the presumption that the ponies named will participate.

Messrs. D. Black and L. B. Chao are in the most favourable position, both having scored 29 wins, so that an extra win for either will make all the difference. Next comes Mr. P. Y. T. Wei, who has 24 wins to his credit. It will be seen, therefore, that a very close race for honours will ensue.

RACE NO. 1—TARDY HANDICAP: ONE MILE

The first race of the day is confined to "B" Class China ponies that have started at least two Extra Meetings during 1940, with winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred. With only five entries in this race, I don't think that, judging on past performances, I shall be far wrong in stating that the finish will be fought out between

Humdrum Eve (Mr. P. P.

Botelho).

Kentucky (Mr. C. F. Chiu).

Lilliber (Mr. Chao).

Humdrum Eve, since winning the Mount Davis Handicap over this distance in 1.55.0, has not been in the picture for a long time; but should it produce the same form as when it won the above race, it should have a big say in the finish. Kentucky has only appeared twice in racing, the first time being when it won the Norfolk Handicap (First Section) for "C" Class ponies under Mr. Chiu Ki-fan. It won so comfortably that it was immediately promoted to "B" Class, and although it ran un-

placed at the last meeting, in the St. Andrew's Stakes over 1½ miles, I am going to select it for a win.

There is Lilliber, however, to be considered. It was second to Conquering Time in the Sussex Handicap, when it lost by a short head over six furlongs.

Taking every factor into consideration, however, I think Kentucky should win with Lilliber second and Humdrum Eve third.

RACE NO. 2—LAST CHANCE HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This event is confined to "C" Class China ponies that have started at least two Extra Meetings during 1940, with winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred.

Attacking Time (Mr. Wei) and Rob Roy (Mr. P. P. Botelho) have been allotted top weight of 168 lb. The latter was placed third behind Blue Gate in the Copshawholm Handicap (First Section) over 1½ miles and, carrying the same weight and, despite this heavy burden, I think its chance of winning is rather bright in view of the shorter distance.

Jane Doe (Mr. S. W. Tang), surprise winner of the Copshawholm Handicap (Second Section), has been penalised 11 lb., "but" it

has a chance of repeating its previous success, provided Mr. Tang adopts the same tactics.

Blue Field (Mr. Black) has had its weight reduced 10 lb. thus making it a dangerous contender, judging on its last performance, when it came third to Jane Doe.

Emergency Unit, which will again be ridden by S. W. Lee, will have an allowance of 5 lb. and, with only 135 lb. to handle, it is quite capable of causing an upset, and is worth \$5 each way.

Taxing Master (Mr. Tao), which was fourth behind Rob Roy, should do better in view of the shorter distance and can be relied on to give the above ponies a good fight.

Potentate (Mr. Poy) is running at weight per inches, and should it strike some of its old form it should be near at the finish.

Rob Roy should win with Blue Field second and Jane Doe third.

RACE NO. 3—DILATORY HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This race is for "B" Class Australian Subscription ponies that have started at least two Extra Meetings during 1940, with winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred.

Triumphant Day, ridden by Mr. Sung, came in second to Piccadilly Jim in the Canobie Lea Handicap over two miles, and it has been penalised 1 lb. It will be taken out to-morrow by Mr. Tao, its original jockey, and will probably be in big demand in view of its last performance.

Devonian (Mr. Hearne), after its defeat at the hands of the above pony with Mr. Black up at the last meeting, will probably find the mile to its liking, and stands a very good chance of redeeming itself by winning this race.

Criffel (Mr. Black), winner of the New Bridge Handicap (about half Mile 155 yards) should not be disregarded, as this pony is good enough to win again.

Tornado Star, which ran unplaced with Mr. Hearne up in the above race against Triumphant Day will have a change of jockey in Mr. Craven but, judging by this run, it can be left alone.

Vixen Tot, if taken out by a strong jockey, should be well up in view of its light weight of 142 lb.

A Great Time (Mr. Wei) has not done anything of note as yet, and may spring a surprise when least expected.

I expect Devonian to win with Triumphant Day second and Criffel third.

RACE NO. 4—HONG KONG CHAMPIONS: 1½ MILES

This is the first Champions race of the afternoon and is confined to China ponies that have started in at least two Extra meetings since January 1, 1940, winners at Extra meetings of this Club 1940 only, and weight for inches as per scale.

For this classic, I believe Mr. T. K. Li will be represented by Confusion Bay (Mr. Sung) and O-Lan (Mr. Needa). Other entries will probably include Burford (Mr. Black), Eve of Harvest (Mr. Davis), Clember (Mr. Chao) and Oragavada (Mr. Wei).

The obvious choice seems to be Eve of Harvest, owing to its win in the October Handicap over this distance with Mr. Black up.

O-Lan, however, must not be disregarded as Mr. Needa handles this pony perfectly, and I honestly believe that it has more than an outside chance. On the other hand, there are Burford, the champion, and Clember both to be reckoned with, although they suffered a leg trouble during the Summer recess. They are now well tuned up for this great race, however, and should give the above two ponies a great battle.

Regarding Confusion Bay and Oragavada, I am afraid they can be left alone. A great race should ensue, with the result in doubt up to the very end.

RACE NO. 5—LAGGARD'S HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" in which "C" Class Australian Subscription ponies that have started at least two Extra Meetings during 1940, with winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred, will figure.

Venus Bay (Mr. Needa) has again been given top-weight of 165 lb. and in view of its last two disappointing runs, when it came in third in the Newcastle Handicap and then ran unplaced in the

Langholm Handicap, both sprint events and for which it was made hot favourite, I don't know what to think of this pony, but in my estimation it should have no difficulty to-morrow in redeeming its past failures even with that burden. Should it fall again, however, I look to Warrego River (Mr. Black), which was third in the Queensland Handicap, to win this race.

There is also Cockleroi (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), which has been a source of disappointment to its owner lately, but it may be worth following for a place, if not a win.

Bredon (Mr. Chattey), if it can be held back over the first half, should have a say in the finish, but otherwise I cannot see it winning.

My nomination is Venus Bay for first position, with Warrego River second and Cockleroi third.

RACE NO. 6—QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONS: 1¼ MILES

This is the second Champions race of the afternoon and is confined to Australian Subscription ponies of any season that have started at least two Extra Meetings since January 1, 1940, winners at Extra Meetings of 1940 only.

I expect to see the following facing the starter:

Sapper (Mr. Davis), Far View (Mr. P. P. Botelho), Baffin Bay (Mr. Needa), Viceroy (Mr. Black), Amicus Curiae (Mr. Chao), Lancashire Chips (Mr. Wei).

In view of the easy manner in which Sapper won the Fremantle St. Leger, there is no shadow of doubt that it will win.

The only pony capable of extending Mrs. Grasetti's pony is Baffin Bay, belonging to Mr. T. K. Li, which at the last meeting just scraped home to the Jeddart Handicap by beating Lancashire Chips (Mr. Trevorton up) by a short head and so qualified for this race.

Criffel (Mr. Black), winner of the New Bridge Handicap (about half Mile 155 yards) should not be disregarded, as this pony is good enough to win again.

Tornado Star, which ran unplaced with Mr. Hearne up in the above race against Triumphant Day will have a change of jockey in Mr. Craven but, judging by this run, it can be left alone.

Vixen Tot, if taken out by a strong jockey, should be well up in view of its light weight of 142 lb.

Far View made a very poor show in the Fremantle St. Leger, running unplaced, and unless it can produce some of its old form to-morrow over this shorter distance it will probably be unplaced again.

Viceroy, conqueror of Baffin Bay in the New South Wales Handicap over the two-mile post distance, has been nursed to concert pitch for this race but, although it has the service of the potential 1940 champion jockey, I doubt if it can do better than place.

Amicus Curiae, which is noted as a long distance racer, has been improving over medium distances so much so that I think it will give the above ponies a good fight in this race.

Lancashire Chips has also shown that it is dependable for places and may pop up again for a place to-morrow.

I nominate Sapper to win, with Baffin Bay second and Viceroy third.

RACE NO. 7—LINGERER'S HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and will be contested by "D" Class Australian Subscription ponies that have started at least two Extra Meetings during 1940, winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred.

Although it would appear that the winner could be selected from only a few of the entries, I doubt whether picking the ultimate winner will be easy after all.

Quick Despatch (Mr. Black) was second to Maple Star, officially in the Linkumoddie Handicap, a Novice race in which Mr. Cooper was the rider, and for that reason it has been asked to carry another 5 lb., but this should not handicap its chances at all, and if it does not bore out again it stands a very good chance of annexing this race.

Rooify has gone up 3 lb. in weight and, as it will be taken out by Mr. Needa, it will give the above pony a good run for first position.

Rising Star (Mr. Chang) has come down in weight by 2 lb. since its last run when it ran unplaced and, with the distance 1½ yards shorter, it should be well up at the finish.

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SOCER HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFEREE"

Eastern have only themselves to blame for being forced to share the points with Sing Tao on Sunday in their First Division Football League game, as they were the better team in the first half and for the greater part of the second period when they led by two clear goals, but over-confidence, causing their forwards to slacken, enabled Sing Tao to stage a remarkable recovery and force a draw. The equalising goal came in practically the last minute of the game.

This result places Sing Tao and South China on equal footing at the head of the table with Eastern a point behind. It will be another month before the ultimate champions can be forecast with some degree of certainty.

Though South China have obtained permission to visit Manila during February, it is understood that the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation are only prepared to entertain the best of the three Chinese teams. Eastern and Sing Tao are also negotiating for a visit there at the end of the football season.

At the end of the soccer season, Sing Tao are hoping to tour Australia via Manila. Negotiations are now proceeding.

It is gratifying to see that the Association have at last given several of the Junior players a chance in representative games, and it is hoped that they will justify their inclusion. It is hoped that Birell and Shaw, of Engineers, will also soon be given a chance.

For the first time for many years, Royal Artillery will be represented in a Senior Competition, and with the wealth of talent available should be able to give Eastern a good game in their First Round Shield game.

The Chinese Amateur Sports Club, who have been admitted to the Junior Shield Competition will field a team composed of several players of the late Chinese Athletic Team. This team has been formed by old players of the Athletic Club, among whom are K. K. Ip, Leung Yuk-tong, Lam Yuk-ying, Ng Kam-chuen, and Lai Yuk-tat, all of whom were prominent in their days in local football.

It is probable that Hong Kong will have the opportunity of seeing two teams from Burma in action here at the end of the season. The Chinese Federation have obtained permission to invite a Burma Chinese football team in April and now the parent body in Burma hopes to visit Hong Kong about the same time.

Kowloon have sustained a great loss in that Williamson, their pivot, will be out of the game for the rest of the season. Williamson was almost a certainty for the pivotal position in the Interport game. His injury gives Bright a good chance for that position.

Kwong Wah registered the first win of the season when they defeated Club who were without Forrow, who was operated on last week for appendicitis.

The recent gradual falling off from form of Air Force terminated in their defeat by International, though they had as much of the game. Ho Ka-keung and Bartlett, of Air Force, were all at sea in the forward line and lost several scoring opportunities.

Engineers, who are the only unbeaten team in the three Divisions, made short work of Navy by winning by eight clear goals on Sunday. Sappers were not at full strength as Palmer and Chan Bum-po were absentees.

RECREIO CRICKET TEAMS

Recreio will hold an intra-Club cricket match to-morrow when a team comprising Volunteers will meet non-Volunteers at 2 p.m. Volunteers:—A. V. Gossano (Captain), P. M. N. da Silva, L. G. Gossano, J. M. Gossano, G. N. Gossano, M. A. Remedios, F. J. Remedios, A. B. Noronha, B. T. Gossano, A. P. Ferreira, J. C. Faria. Non-Volunteers:—E. L. Gossano (Captain), H. L. Ozorio, W. A. Read, E. M. L. Soares, A. M. Prata, N. A. Beltrao, E. A. R. Alves, H. A. Darton, J. A. Soares, A. A. Lopez, A. M. Remedios.

RACING

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Colorado Star (Mr. Davis) may also find the distance to its liking and, with only 138 lb. to carry, it should be dangerous.

Longdon (Mr. Chattey) will have 5 lb. allowance, and in view of its performance at the last meeting, before it was interfered with by Quick Despatch in the home stretch, when coming up strongly, it may place again. My choice is Quick Despatch to win with Roofly second and Rising Star third.

RACE 8—FINAL HANDICAP: ONE MILE

The last race of the day and the year is confined to "D" Class China ponies that have started at least two Extra Meetings during 1940, winners of \$1,000. or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred.

Sunlight View (Mr. Wei) has been given top weight of 168 lb.

Eve of Peace (Mr. Davis) has been entered on several previous occasions, but it has not yet made an appearance since coming in second to its stablemate, Eve of Dancing, in the Carnarvon Stakes, and judging from that performance it should not have any difficulty in accounting for this event.

Piet Hein (Mr. P. P. Botelho) showed fine form when it came in second to Valorous in the Castle Peak Handicap (second section) over six furlongs, and it should give a good account of itself, if it does not win.

Salvage Master (Mr. Tao) was third to Piet Hein in the above race and it may do better over a longer distance.

For an outsider I recommend Royal Highness (Mr. Ip Kui-ying). This pony is in fine fettle at the moment and may cause an upset here.

Eve of Peace is my nomination for the first position, with Piet Hein and Salvage Master fighting it out for the minor position.

At the end of the Soldiers' Club tournament, First Round, the following games have been played.

H.Q. Coy. Royal Scots beat 22nd (F) Coy. R.E. by 211 points. H.Q. Coy. Royal Scots 22nd (F) Coy. R.E. Pte. Hasle 200 C.S.M. Bartlett 139 C.S.M. Tierney 110 Spr. Ratcliffe 200 Pte. Gordon 220 Spr. Sheldrake 171 Sgt. Crichton 170 Spr. Doohan 200 Cpl. Fowler 200 Cpl. Nelson 150 Cpl. Octon 200 Spr. Monaghan 154 Pte. Blackie 200 Spr. Crittenden 187 Sgt. Clark 200 Spr. Simmons 83 1495 1284

In the Soldiers' Club tournament, First Round, the following games have been played.

R.A.M.C. beat "B" Coy. Royal Scots by 460 points.

R.A.M.C. "B" Coy. Royal Scots Cpl. Harvey 200 Pte. Nisbet 93 Pte. Whybrow 200 Cpl. Duncan 174 Cpl. Nicholls 180 Pte. Huth 200 Sgt. Webb 200 Pte. Clark 181 S/S. Terran 200 L/C. Groves 64 Pte. Home 200 Pte. Bell 89 Sgt. Wyre 200 Pte. Prose 126 Lieut. Dixon 200 Pte. Plommer 187

Break of 44.

On Wednesday, R.A.P.C. beat the Signals by 4 games.

R.A.P.C. Signals S.Q.M.S. Sayers 92 S/Sgt. James 150 Sgt. Pearson 150 Sgt. Chalcraft 119 Cpl. Blount 150 S/Sgt. Adlam 142 Sgt. Tilley 150 Sgt. Norrell 129 Sgt. Allen 109 S/Sgt. Carden 150 Sgt. Sprout 66 Sgt. Murray 150

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The H.K.V.D.C. did well in their first game in the Soldiers' Club Tournament by beating "C" Coy. Royal Scots by eight clear games of 1600 points to 1001 points.

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The Silver Shield for competition in Area Billiards has been presented by Messrs. J. A. Windsor and Co. and not by Messrs. Windsor Bros as mentioned last week.

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In the First Round of the Senior Shield Middlesex have been drawn against Sing Tao, and I think they will be able to account for them this time.

Association Football Royal Scots have got a bye into the Second Round. The combined Royal Artillery, have been drawn against two teams.

CHUNG WAH'S BADMINTON WIN

Playing on the opponents' court, Chung Wah defeated Club de Recreio in a "B" Division Badminton League game on Wednesday, by 7 games to 2.

C. F. Chiu and P. C. Loung (Chung Wah) beat E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich 21-9

lost to A. E. Xavier and R. M. Soares 19-21

beat F. P. Botelho and A. E. Noronha 21-19

T. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah) beat Alves and Yvanovich 21-14

beat Xavier and Soares 21-19

beat Botelho and Noronha 21-18

W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah) lost to Alves and Yvanovich 21-21

beat Xavier and Soares 21-14

beat Botelho and Noronha 22-20

the Eastern Athletic team in the First Round, and we wish them luck.

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At Causeway Bay on Saturday Army are playing the Navy in the Quadrangular tournament which will be the deciding game of the tournament as both sides are level at the top of the League and it should be well worth watching.

5TH A.A., R.A. "A" team are leading the Hong Kong Hockey key League by two points with the Engineers second having played four games and won all.

The Gunners have played six games and won five. I think that the Engineers will win this League although Police "A" and Recreio are still unbeaten but will have to be at their best to beat these

two teams.

Hockey Royal Scots have got a bye into the Second Round. The combined Royal Artillery, have been drawn against two teams.

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GRAZIANI'S ARMIES RECEIVE MORTAL BLOW

Offensive Power Destroyed In One Stroke

GENERAL HERTZOG RESIGNS

General Hertzog, former Prime Minister and later Leader of the Opposition in the South African Parliament against General Smuts, has resigned his membership of Parliament.

The resignation of Mr. Havenga, former Finance Minister under General Hertzog, was also announced in Johannesburg yesterday.

These developments follow General Hertzog's resignation from the leadership of the United Nationalist Party, which was the official opposition.

News of the resignation appeared in a letter from General Hertzog and Mr. Havenga published in the ex-Premier's own newspaper "Di Vaderland." — Reuter.

HEADLONG RETREAT OF ITALIANS REPORTED

(Continued from Page 1)
For weeks mechanised units carried out incessant attacks in the north, resulting in many clashes with the invaders.

They kept open a gap in the enemy's front positions and

Grim Choice Before Mussolini

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE CRUSHING BLOWS INFILCTED ON MUSSOLINI'S ARMIES IN AFRICA ARE CALCULATED TO HAVE AN ALMOST DECISIVE EFFECT UPON THE COURSE OF THE WAR.

The Italian fleet must now either accept battle or the Duce's legionaries in North Africa can be considered lost.

Their offensive power has been destroyed at one fell blow while the menace to the Nile Valley no longer exists.

The effects of the Italian defeat will be felt politically not only in Europe but all over the East.

Japan must now have cause to reconsider her hasty action in joining the Tri-Partite Pact.

Even assuming that violent domestic reactions do not up-

set the Faustian regime, it is unlikely the Duce will get much help from Germany, and Japanese aid can be ruled out.

Indeed, the question may arise whether the Pact holds if one of the parties collapses?

The effect of the Italian reverses will be most inspiring in the Balkans.

New Spirit

The Greeks will be encouraged to further acts of valour and the extent of the help Britain is able to give may be increased, while Yugoslavia's hands will be strengthened, the wisdom of Turkish policy justified and Axis propaganda in Bulgaria will suffer a severe setback.

The many friends of Britain in France will derive fresh hope and encouragement from this British victory.

It will increase France's value in German eyes but will make Laval's policy more unpopular and distasteful among French people in general and the Army in particular. — Reuter.

Axis propagandists will doubtless interpret the Yugoslav-Hungarian treaty as indicating Yugoslavia's advance to the Axis, according to political circles in Belgrade yesterday.

Observers in Belgrade, however, do not believe the signing of the treaty means more than an intense desire on Yugoslavia's side to maintain the peace and on Hungary's side to attempt to find some, even if an uneasy, basis for her foreign policy outside the strangling embrace of Axis entanglements. — Reuter.



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BELGRADE PEACE PLEDGES

A Hungarian-Yugoslavian pact of friendship was signed in Belgrade last evening, according to a despatch to the German news agency.

The treaty was signed by Count Csaky, Hungarian Foreign Minister, and M. Marcovitch, Yugoslav Foreign Minister.

It consists of three articles—

Firstly, it declares permanent peace and eternal friendship will exist between the two countries.

Secondly, the signatories agree to consult on all problems affecting mutual relations.

Thirdly, the pact will be ratified at a very early date and will come into force as soon as ratified. — Reuter.

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GRAVE INDO-CHINA TURMOIL

Serious disturbances in Indo-China were mentioned by the announcer on Lyons radio last night.

He said that clashes had occurred recently in Saigon and in seven provinces between the armed forces and demonstrators said to be Communists.

It was added that damage was done to civil administrative and private buildings. A number of bridges were destroyed and communications cut.

Order was restored by soldiers, police and marines but there were wounded on both sides.

Measures taken by the local

British Command Swift To Exploit Sidi Barrani Coup

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent In The Western Desert)

THE BRITISH OFFENSIVE IN THE WESTERN DESERT OF EGYPT IS DEVELOPING SO FAST THAT RUMOURS OF A HEADLONG ITALIAN RETREAT ARE CIRCULATING IN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA.

It is realised that the communiques from British General Headquarters tend to minimise our successes rather than make claims until they have been confirmed beyond doubt.

It is thus reasonable to suppose that the figure of 20,000 prisoners given in the latest communiqué is an under-estimate.

The speed of the offensive has meant that communiques have hardly been issued before a fresh important advance and captures are taking place.

It will be days before the exact number of prisoners, guns and tanks taken will be known.

AS THE PICTURE OF THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE OFFENSIVE IS GRADUALLY FITTED TOGETHER AT G.H.Q. FROM REPORTS ARRIVING FROM THE DESERT FRONT, IT BECOMES EVIDENT THAT THE MIDDLE EAST COMMAND, WITH A BRILLIANT PIECE OF STRATEGY PLANNED FOR MANY WEEKS, HAS DELIVERED A BLOW AGAINST THE ITALIANS THAT MAY ROCK THE FOUNDATIONS AND TOPPLE THE EDIFICE OF THE FASCIST EMPIRE.

There is already general speculation in Cairo in regard to whether the Italians will have to relinquish their hold on Abyssinia.

Greek troops, taking advantage of the Italian retreat from Argos-Volos, have advanced along the hills bordering the Drinos Valley and are now approaching Tepelini.

The rhythm of the battle is being much slowed by snow, blizzards and bitter cold. — Reuter.

Great Losses

The Italians yesterday made repeated counter-attacks in the northern part of the battle front but all attacks were repelled with great losses.

Most severe fighting was in the Podgoratz sector, where a position on the Greek right flank was heavily attacked.

The Greeks have maintained all positions captured in the Podgoratz area.

Swift Action

An area on which future do-
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'NEUTRAL' AID TO HUN U-BOATS?

An allegation that German submarines are being provisioned off the shores of Cuba by ships of a neutral country calling at Havana was made in the Cuban House of Representatives yesterday.

The allegation was made by Senor Chibas, in a speech supporting a motion to send Congressional delegations to President Roosevelt on his re-election.

Senor Chibas accused "Fifth Columnists" of attacking the diplomatic residence of a great friendly power and stealing documents from there.

Senor Chibas did not name the friendly power concerned. — Reuter.

plete the chain of highly fortified camps.

At zero hour on Sunday, the breach was still open, thanks to this regiment's persistent attacks, and our motorised units were able to drive in according to plan. — Reuter.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of cold and two distinct preservation processes.

Three separate compartments in the refrigerator provide three types of cold, dry air, purpose and devices to maintain delicacies such as butter, milk and berries. A second compartment, a third designed to generate cold for cooked meat and fresh vegetables, retains original original flavour and taste-giving vitamins. The third compartment is powered by cold air for quick freezing and is designed for frozen food and deserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit, which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Molat Cold Shell. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

GREEKS SMASH COUNTER-ATTACKS

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent in Greece)

THE GREEK ARMY CONTINUES TO RETAIN THE INITIATIVE; ALL ALONG THE 80-MILE BATTLE FRONT IT IS FIGHTING SUCCESSFULLY AND ALL ITALIAN COUNTER-ATTACKS HAVE BEEN REPULSED.

The left wing of the Greek army, according to the Greek spokesman in Athens last night, is continuing its advance towards Chirmara, coastal town on the Adriatic, 20 miles north of Santi Quaranta.

Further to the right the Italians at some places put up very stiff resistance before they were finally dislodged from their positions with heavy losses.

The Italians employed crack

CHINA CONTRACT WITH SOVIET

China has signed a contract with Soviet Russia by which China will deliver during the coming year \$100,000 worth of tea to Russia, according to an official announcement in Chungking yesterday. — Reuter.

East African Shock

For months Italian morale in East Africa has been bolstered up by the empty assurance that Mussolini's army was ready to march to the Nile Delta at any moment and open up the Suez Canal.

But if the British offensive continues as satisfactorily as at present, the Italian army in Abyssinia, it is suggested, may throw up the sponge because of pressure being exerted by British forces already hammering at the frontier.

Details of the operations which enabled British motorised divisions to penetrate to the coast and cut off the Italian forces in the Sidi Barrani area were revealed last night.

Harassing Tactics

From the moment in September when Marshal Graziani's troops reached Sidi Barrani, a famous mechanised regiment was given special instructions to harass the enemy at a specified point and

Italian 'Planes And Hangars Left As Shattered Wrecks

Air Force Part In Triumph: Troops In High Spirits

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Army of the Nile)

DESPITE DAYS OF GRUELING FIGHTING — SOME OF WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THICK SANDSTORMS — THE ADVANCE BRITISH TROOPS ARE NOW IN THE HIGHEST SPIRITS, JUBILANT AT THE SUCCESSES ACHIEVED AFTER MONTHS OF WAITING.

It is now possible to give a detailed account of the course of the action, outstanding feature of which has been the clockwork co-ordination of the activities of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The British advance against the Italians has been similar in method to the German advance in France. They have executed a swift extensive flanking movement, encircling one enemy position after another.

The Air Force concentrated on keeping Italian bombers and fighters out of the air by incessantly bombing and machine-gunning aerodromes.

The dull monotonous boom of the guns of the British Fleet many miles away is clearly audible here. The warships are pounding Italian coastal positions.

Bitter And Ruthless

The battle for Sidi Barrani has been bitter and ruthless.

Eventual outcome of the present operations is impossible to forecast because of the rapidity with which the situation is changing.

But the positive balance already achieved by the British is, as one officer expressed it, the capture of "many prisoners" together with huge quantities of war materials, most of which are in excellent condition.

Artillery, infantry, armoured forces and the Navy all contributed to the 12-hour bombardment of Sidi Barrani, while the R.A.F. part was to bomb it for 16 hours almost continuously on Monday.

Black Shirts Fight Hard

Severe casualties were inflicted on the Black Shirt divisions, nevertheless they offered fierce resistance to the British onslaughts.

Despite a dust storm which persisted throughout Wednesday, making parts of the desert, including aerodromes, look like London in a pea-soup fog, the R.A.F. flew out unceasingly on their harassing tasks.

At times returning bombers were unable to see their aerodromes and were forced to land on emergency ones elsewhere.

Their bombardment of Benina, which is the Italian advanced air

striking base, was probably the heaviest bombing raid ever carried out in the Near East and it left Italian hangars and machines shattered wrecks.—Reuter.

Road Cut

The successful operations by the Army of the Nile, which have been received with acclamation by free peoples all over the world, and which, as the Prime Minister told the Commons, had "cut through the principal road by which the main body of the Italian army which invaded Egypt could effect a retreat," have been the result of close cooperation between the Navy, Army and Air Force.

The retreating Italians are being continually harassed by bombardment from the sea and air and news from R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters received yesterday shows intense activity throughout Wednesday.

Both bombers and fighters supported the Army's offensive, attacking enemy troops concentrations and bombing an enemy advanced aerodrome.

Several tons of bombs were dropped on Sollum while enemy landing grounds at Gambut, Azelz, Menastir, El Adem, El Gubbi, Derna, Tmimi and El Gazala were bombed during the day and a number of enemy aircraft dispersed on the ground destroyed.

Six Shot Down

Full details of these raids are, however, not yet available.

Our fighters brought down six enemy aircraft in combat and it is probable two more shared the same fate.

One squadron accounted for four and two "possibles." These

Eton College Attacked

Eton College, most famous of English schools, which was founded 500 years ago by Henry VI, twice in recent weeks has been the victim of enemy bombers.

In the first raid over 200 incendiaries were dropped on the College, six buildings of which were set on fire. The school A.R.P. staff extinguished the fires.

In the second raid two high explosive bombs which fell on the College damaged historical buildings, including the Upper School and College Chapel.—Reuter.

GERMAN MIGRATION

NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING BETWEEN GERMANY AND RUSSIA FOR THE REPATRIATION OF THE REMAINING GERMANS IN THE BALTIc STATES. ACCORDING TO A STOCKHOLM DESPATCH TO THE FREE FRENCH AGENCY IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Flfty thousand Germans in Lithuania and 10,000 in Estonia and Latvia were unable to return to Germany last year, the despatch adds.—Reuter.

were one S79, three CR42's and two Bredas. One unidentified machine was destroyed on the ground.

It is satisfactory to note that throughout these intensive operations, continuing for 24 hours, only one R.A.F. machine failed to return.

One aircraft reported missing on December 10 has now returned safely to base.—British Wireless.

SUBSIDY FOR SHEEP FARMERS

Hill sheep farmers in the United Kingdom are to receive a special subsidy supplement in this year's returns, it was announced in the Commons yesterday by Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister for Scotland. The subsidy will be half a crown in respect of each breeding ewe.—Reuter.

Danes To Build New Hamburg

A large part of the rebuilding of Hamburg may be done by Danes—the German official news agency yesterday mentioned a plan to use Danish architects, engineers and workmen for this purpose.

Successful negotiations are stated to have taken place between the Hamburg and Danish authorities and in the New Year about 1,000 Danish workmen will go to Hamburg.

Twenty-two Danish firms have taken part in the negotiations.

Military targets in the Hamburg-area have been the objectives of frequent attacks by the R.A.F.—Reuter.

R.A.F. RETAINS MASTERY OF THE AIR

REPORTS RECEIVED in London last night indicated that over 20,000 Italians have been taken prisoner in the Western Desert so far, and a general retreat seems to be under way, with the British attacking the Fascists in a triple-effort — with land troops on the ground, bombers and machine-guns from the air, and shells from naval guns from the Mediterranean.

Many prisoners, including hundreds of officers and three generals, have been taken all over the theatre of operations, together with much equipment, including guns and tanks.

The generals include one Corps Commander and two General Officers Commanding Divisions. These are in addition to the General in charge of a flying column who was killed on Monday.

The R.A.F. is sustaining practically no losses and is maintaining the mastery of the air established on first day of the attack.

Hour by hour, British pilots go out to bring grim destruction down on Graziani's army.

Meanwhile, light and heavy units of the Royal Navy are shelling the Italian line of retreat, including a heavy bombardment of two focal points — Sollum and Bardia.

The Admiralty says that so far these ships have sustained neither damage nor casualties.—Reuters.

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HEAVY LOSS TO THE EMPIRE

Lord Lothian's Sudden Death Causes Deep Shock



Taken at a review of the Home Guard River Patrol on the upper reaches of the Thames at Wargrave, photo shows left to right, Sir Ralph Glynn, M.P., Admiral Sir Basil Brooke (who is Chief Commander of the River Guard), and Vice Admiral W.T. James. (Copyright, Fox).

WRITING ON WALL FOR IL DUCE

The Portuguese are following the British and Greek victories with intense interest; crowds gather in the streets of Lisbon awaiting the issue of evening newspapers and eagerly read the news pasted outside newspaper offices.

There is no departure from the order to maintain neutrality. Before showing war events, cinemas reproduce on the screen a warning against demonstrations of any sort.

An editorial in the "Diario Noticias" headed "When the Gods descend from Olympus" analyses the reasons which prompted Mussolini to embark on the Greek war, "which, apart from immense air forces, is costing him much of his prestige."

The writer concludes that reasons of a political nature must have urged him far more than strategic reasons.

Il Duce's Temperament

Mussolini's temperament required that Italy should have her own war, that Italian action should be individual, that Italy should have her own battlefield, her own enemy, her own position.

"Three or four weeks have placed a lamentable check to the efforts of 18 years of admirable political construction." — Reuter.

TURKEY'S ECONOMIC POWER

"THE ECONOMIC STRENGTH OF TURKEY HAS ASSUMED SUCH A MAGNITUDE THAT IT MAY WELL INFLUENCE THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE WORLD STRUGGLE."

So declared the Turkish Prime Minister, Dr. Saydam, speaking on the anniversary of National Economy Week, according to Ankara radio yesterday.

Dr. Saydam pointed out that the struggle between the nations had changed from a military one of fighting pure and simple to a war waged on economic staying power.

He continued: "Our position is far superior to that of 1914, both in industry and agriculture, and our financial position is strong. We continue to place confidence in the economic power of our country." — Reuter.

JAPANESE TRY TO BOMB MEKONG BRIDGE

Ten Japanese bombers attacked the Burma highway at Mekong bridge early yesterday afternoon. The Chinese authorities report that no damage was caused to the bridge. — Reuter.

GERM OF CIVIL WAR IN FRANCE

"Anyone who thinks that the de Gaulle movement is just a matter of a few rebel generals, knows little of the situation," declared the Paris correspondent of the Madrid newspaper "A" yesterday.

The correspondent continues that General de Gaulle's movement represents considerably more. It gives energy to the germ of civil war which is hatching in France and which only the German army of occupation forestalls.

The correspondent also adds that surprise is expressed in Paris that Generals de Gaulle, Catroux and Legentilhomme only recently have been deprived of French citizenship by the Vichy Government, but notes that Vichy is showing tardy signs of taking serious steps against the de Gaulle Government.

Paris, he says, is discussing a further reshuffle in the Vichy Government by which Raphael Albert would leave the Cabinet and Pierre Flandin would become Minister of Interior, while Marcel Peyroux would become a Minister. — Reuter.

PEAK RESIDENCE BURGLED

Mr. L. J. Davies, residing at No. 13, The Peak, was awakened at 3 a.m. yesterday by the barking of his dog. Up he found that a burglar had removed a pane from one of the French windows, and escaped with two glass vases, a fountain-pen and two arm-chair cushions.

Britain's Greatest Ambassador

THE NEWS OF LORD Lothian's death deeply shocked Britain, especially as it was totally unexpected and came while the Ambassador was so much in the public eye as spokesman for the British cause in a country where its advocacy just now is of vital importance to the whole Allied cause.

The news cast a gloom over Members of all parties in Parliament. Many expressed the view that Lord Lothian will be hard to replace, for he won for himself a position of distinctive eminence.

It is understood that Mr. Noel Butler will carry out the duties of Ambassador for the time being.

Lord Lothian's death is an irreparable loss to the British diplomatic service, writes Reuter's chief diplomatic correspondent.

As Ambassador—indeed, Britain's premier Ambassador—he had the courage to cast tradition to the winds and speak openly and freely upon most of the important issues between Britain and the United States.

His first interviews and speeches must have shocked certain quarters where tradition is hallowed and perhaps a little moss-grown.

Frank And Sincere

But his frankness and sincerity have paid in a land which is generous and free in its political outlook.

President Roosevelt has sent a message to the King saying: "I am shocked beyond measure to hear of the sudden passing of my old friend, your Ambassador, Lord Lothian."

"Through nearly a quarter of a century we had come to understand and trust each other. I am very certain that if he had been allowed by Providence to leave a last message he would have told us that the greatest of all efforts to keep Democracy in the world must and will succeed."

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, has sent a message of sympathy to Mr. Winston Churchill, and the United States Government has offered the British Government all facilities at their disposal in connection with Lord Lothian's death.

Some quarters believe an American ship will convey the Ambassador's body across the Atlantic to Britain.

Widespread Tribute

Lord Lothian's death has produced widespread expressions of regret throughout the United States.

Tributes are paid to his "informal friendliness" and to his "Baltimore speech" which is described as "one of the best of his career and a level-headed approach to the international problems of the day."

Lord Lothian was one of the most popular Ambassadors London had ever sent to Washington.

The American press, who previously seldom saw any British Ambassador, took to him from the very beginning.

Every time he visited the White House or the State Department a large crowd of journalists awaited his exit.

They were seldom disappointed, for he always spoke as freely as circumstances permitted.

Sympathy is felt on all sides

in Washington for the British

SOVIET KEEPS KEEN EYE ON WAR

Soviet interest in the fighting in North Africa was well reflected in the Moscow press yesterday.

The official Communist paper "Pravda" has as two main headlines across the foreign news page: "British offensive in Western Desert," and "Italian retreat in Albania."

British reports of the taking of Sidi Barrani were published at length, with a description of the terrain and an account of how the Italians fortified the Sidi Barrani-Sollum area.

"Pravda" then quoted the "Basler Nachrichten" for the statement that the war in Greece and the attack on Taranto are already having an effect on the Italian army in Libya.

Reports from New York regarding increased American aid for Britain are also prominently published in the Moscow press.

"Trud" concludes a long article in this connection by quoting the New York "Herald-Tribune" as saying that the intensification of the struggle between Britain and Germany only increases the vital interest of the United States in the survival of Britain. — Reuter.

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LEADING BANKER URGES FINANCIAL AID TO BRITAIN

THE MOVEMENT IN THE United States in favour of granting financial aid to Britain received powerful and unexpected support yesterday from Mr. Winthrop Aldrich, one of America's leading bankers.

Besides being Chairman of the Chase National Bank, Mr. Aldrich is a well-known lawyer.

GENERAL HERTZOG RESIGNS

General Hertzog, former Prime Minister and later Leader of the Opposition in the South African Parliament against General Smuts, has resigned his membership of Parliament.

The resignation of Mr. Havenga, former Finance Minister under General Hertzog, was also announced in Johannesburg yesterday.

These developments follow General Hertzog's resignation from the leadership of the Reunited Nationalist Party, which was the official opposition.

News of the resignation appeared in a letter from General Hertzog and Mr. Havenga published in the ex-Premier's own newspaper "Di Vaderland." — Reuter.

Speaking at the Boston Chamber of Commerce he urged that funds should be made available "promptly and generously" before Britain's financial sands had run dangerously low.

He added such funds could be furnished either by a Federal guarantee of British credit or a loan from the United States Treasury, or by an outright grant in aid.

Mr. Aldrich denied that the Johnson and Neutrality Acts prevented such action, declaring that neither of them "prohibits our Government from giving financial aid to Great Britain."

Full Strength

Recalling that both American political parties had decided in favour of extending aid, Mr. Aldrich said: "If that pledge means anything it means that our full industrial and financial strength shall be thrown into the scales on the side of England." — Reuter.

DUTCH WARSHIP'S CAPTURE

The British Admiralty yesterday paid a tribute to the work of the Netherlands warship which intercepted the German cargo-steamer *Rhein* in the Atlantic off Cuba.

The *Rhein*, a vessel of 6,000 tons, left Tampico, Mexico, about 12 days ago. The crew set fire to the ship and then tried to scuttle her.

This was frustrated by prompt and gallant action by a boarding party.

This incident, says the Admiralty, illustrates the wide-spread and effective cooperation being rendered the Royal Navy by the Royal Netherlands Navy. — Reuter.

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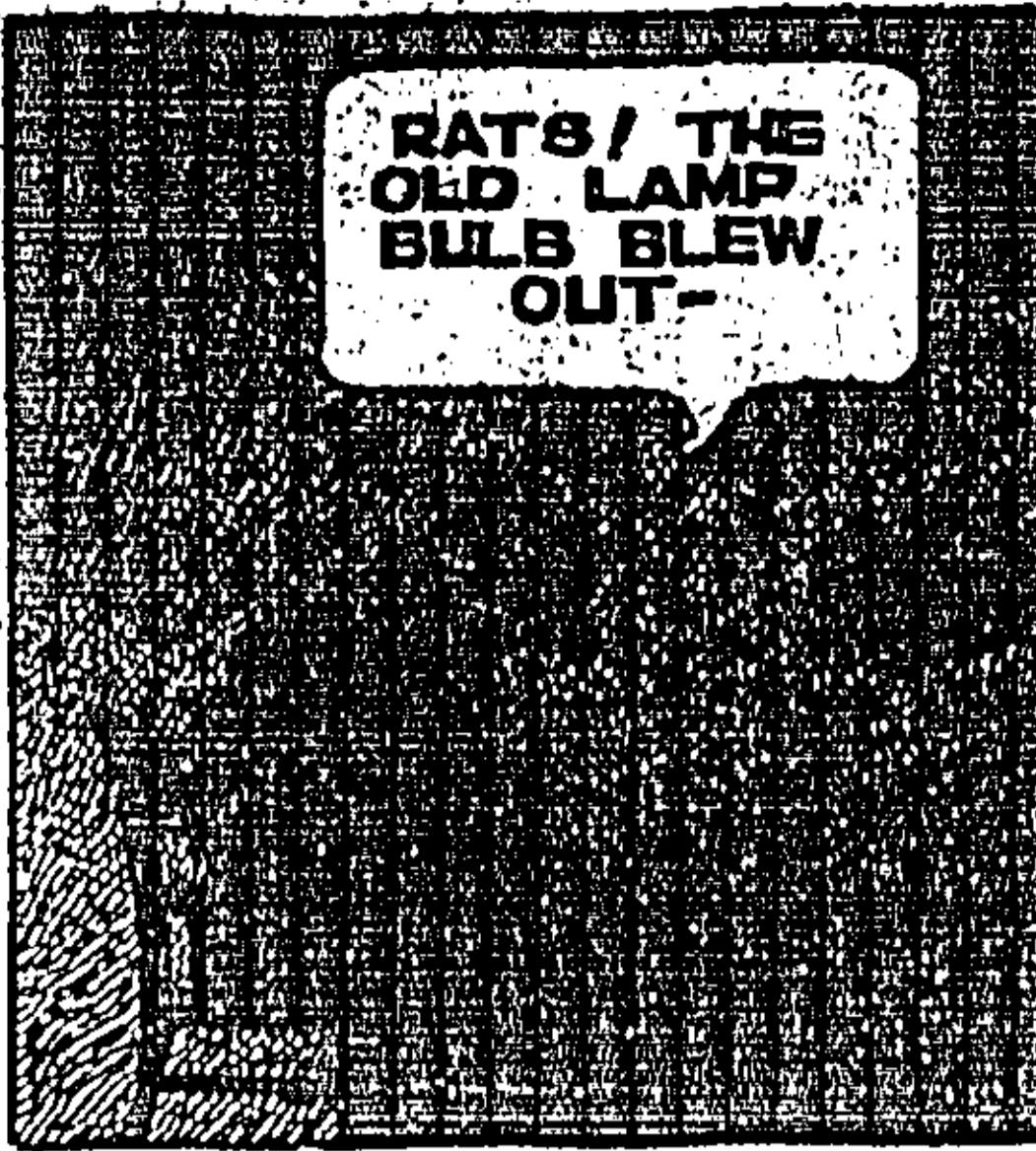
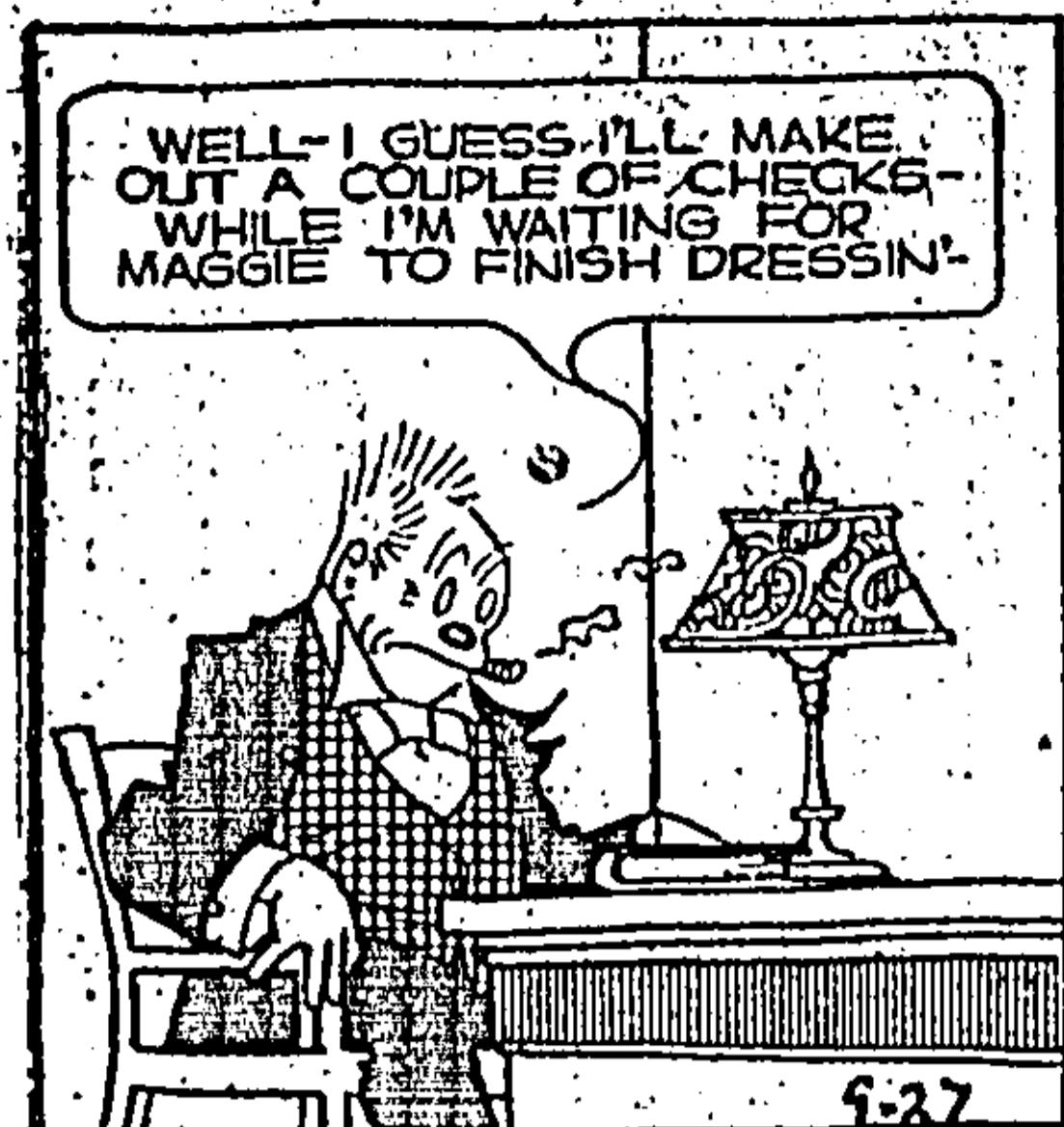
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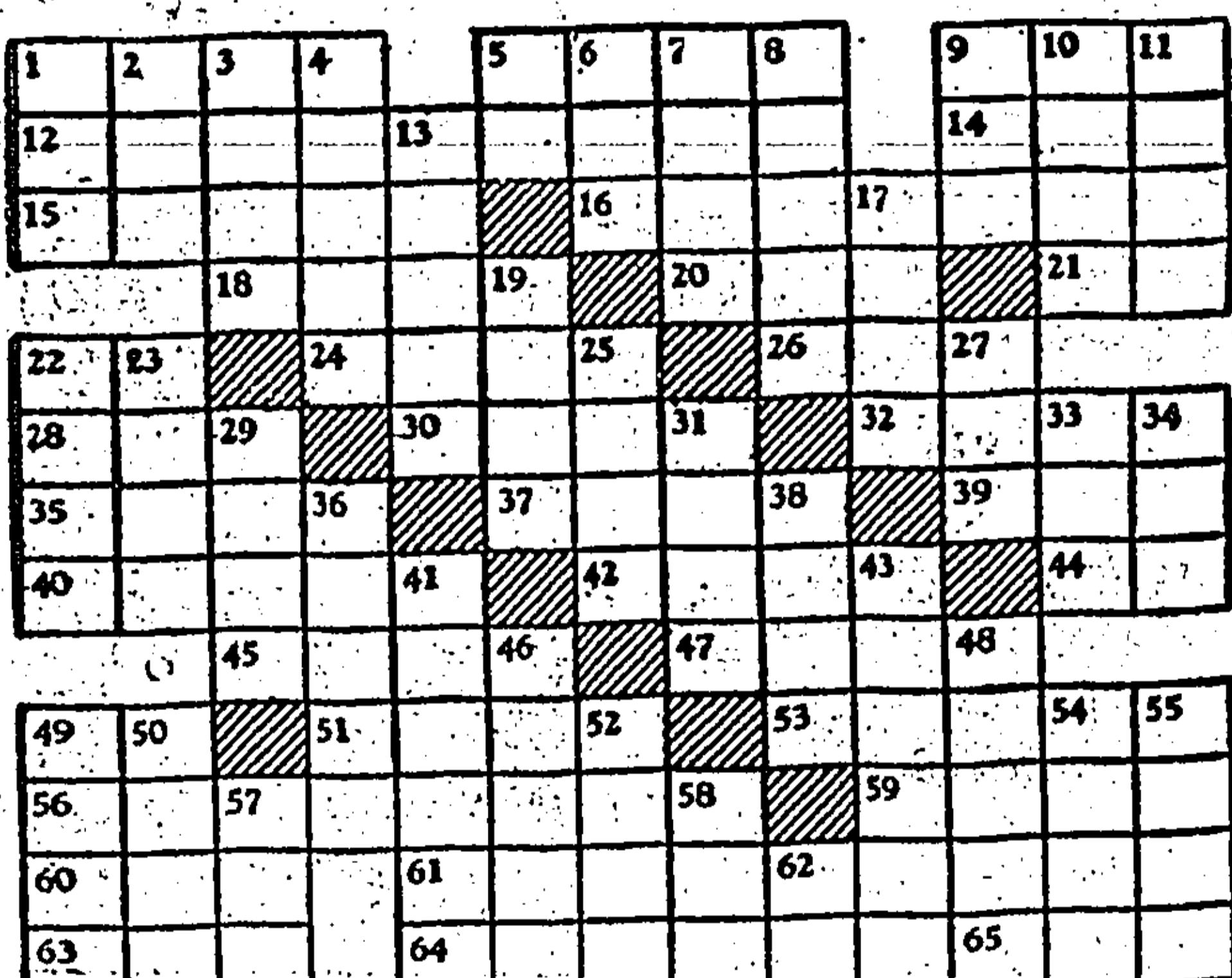
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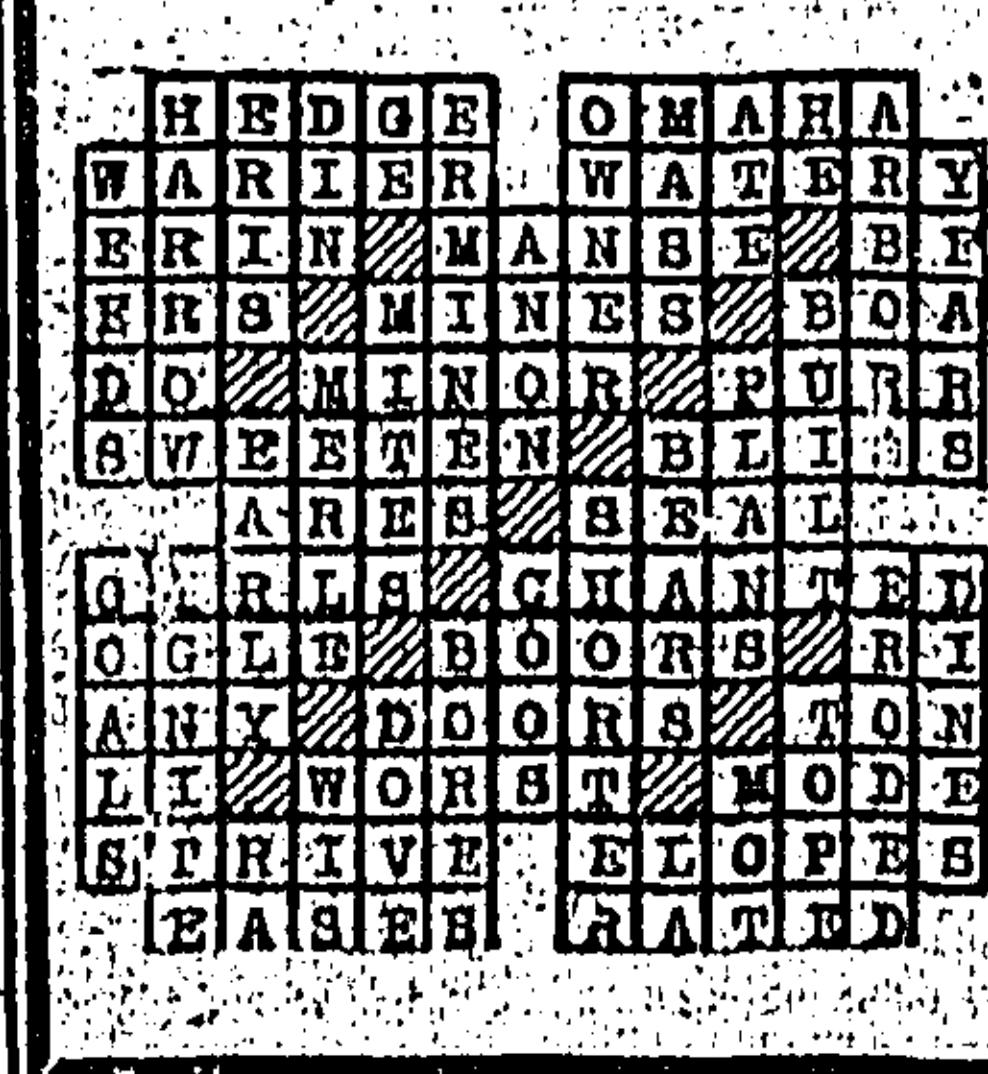
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- 13 Uncanny
- 17 Neat
- 19 Malaysian dagger

22 Side of a doorway

- 23 Pertaining to grandparents
- 25 Goddess of discord
- 27 Greek letter
- 29 Maturing factor
- 31 To supply with weapons
- 33 Indo-Chinese language
- 35 Unskillful
- 37 The till
- 41 To mock
- 43 To watch angrily
- 45 Pertaining to a central point
- 48 Curved strip of wood
- 49 Part of eye
- 50 Dralt in
- 52 Egyptian length measure
- 54 Ahong
- 55 Noise made in respiration
- 57 To discern
- 59 To placate
- 61 French proposition

HAIRY LEGS
"SO CUTE"

The chief attraction for American tourists to-day in the exotic island of Bermuda are 320 British censors imported to examine Trans-Atlantic Clipper and steamship mails.

The appearance of this new island species is arousing the same kind of interest as do penguins in Antarctic island to naturalists.

Ever since the start of the war censors, because of their depredations among United States mails, have to Americans been something mysterious and sinister. But now, seen face to face, censors are winning hearts and are even being called. "So, so cute."

Luxury Quarters

An army of 320 censors are serving King and Empire in three of the most luxurious hotels in Hamilton, Bermuda's capital. As Hamilton is a little place, they are seen in droves all over the town.

It is said that if one sits on any beach and shouts, "Censor," dozens of men snap to attention and throw out wild gazes as though looking for letters.

Mrs. Lyon Boston, American writer and socialite, has just returned from Bermuda bubbling over with enthusiasm after several days' observation of censors in their beauteous habitat. "They are definitely a type, or rather species," says Mrs. Boston.

"Nearly all go around in shorts, revealing thin, hairy legs. One could almost believe censors are chosen for their hairy legs."

"They are not as fierce-looking as ignorant Americans would imagine, although some wear beards like Balkan diplomats."

Stockingless Women

Another returning tourist, John Tely, says: "With the censors are numbers of middle-aged women who have mosquito-bitten legs because, unlike Americans and Bermudians, they won't wear stockings.

"I understand some of these women are also censors, although when I asked them if this was so they became suspicious and pursed their lips as though they suspected I was a member of Hitler's Gestapo.

"Censors spend hours on beaches writing letters of their own. And boy, didn't they resent it when we played their own game and peered over their shoulders."

"It is rumoured that hundreds more censors will arrive in Bermuda before Christmas, but when I asked one whether this was true he put fingers to lips, said 'Shush,' and added: 'No official secrets, please, old man. Dash it, this is war you know.'

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Although casualties included some fatalities they are not believed to be heavy, considering the scale of the attack.

NAZI WOMEN DECOYS

Goebbels, Nazi propaganda chief, has given instructions for a large contingent of German film stars—men and women—to go at once to Hollywood.

Their object is:

(1) To capture as many as possible of the big salaries, so that foreign exchange may be available with which Germany can make overseas purchases.

(2) To obtain the star parts in as many pictures as possible, and win admiration for German artistry — thus indirectly for the German nation — in neutral and other countries.

(3) To organise a strong Nazi movement inside Hollywood, and enable the women artistes to exercise their charm throughout the United States in order to win as many prominent men as possible over to the German cause.

Some of the most beautiful of the German women stars are going on this voyage. All are convinced Nazis, many intimate associates of Goebbels himself.

He is fully aware of their capacity for intrigue, and has given them elaborate details of the way in which they are to carry out their plan in America, and of the names of the political, commercial and industrial leaders at whom they are to "set their caps."

They have been told to employ two methods of strategy:

First, by making themselves as pleasant as possible to their victims, to try to win them over to a pro-German point of view and to persuade them to cease using their factories or political influence to assist Britain.

Second, if this method fails, to compromise the men so completely that in order to escape exposure and social ruin they will fall in with whatever political and industrial proposals are made to them.

BRITONS INTERNED AT ST. DENIS

Questions were asked in the Commons yesterday about the condition of British subjects now interned who hitherto had been resident in occupied France.

The Foreign Under-Secretary stated that majority of male British subjects, numbering some seventeen hundred, were concentrated at military barracks at St. Denis, near Paris.

Information received from the United States Embassy, whose officials periodically visited the barracks, showed that conditions there were satisfactory.—British Wireless.

CUPID MAKES FEWER MISSES IN WAR-TIME

The war has seen a marked decline in the number of broken engagements.

The announcement that the marriage arranged between Second Lieutenant Michael Worth and Miss Aethea Parker will not take place, makes a total of only thirty-nine broken engagements made public during the nine months of this year.

In recent years the lowest total was sixty-four, in 1931, and the highest ninety, in 1935.

WOMAN ON CHARGE OF MURDERING FRIEND

MISS MARY E. B. JONES IS ACCUSED IN HASTINGS (U. S. A.) OF THE MURDER OF HER FRIEND, MISS E. WASHINGTON BOOTH, A 50-YEAR-OLD ATTORNEY. THE TWO WOMEN HAD LIVED TOGETHER FOR TEN YEARS.

They quarrelled six weeks ago when Miss Jones accused Miss Booth of killing a pet dog.

Neighbours saw Miss Jones trying to push a motorcar down a slope and crying out that she intended to hurl herself beneath it.

Then they heard the sounds of a quarrel in the house and sent for the police, who entered and found Miss Jones battering Miss Booth with a kitchen chair.

An earthenware pitcher had apparently been used to strike the first blow which felled Miss Booth. Miss Jones was arrested and taken to a hospital psychopathic ward.

CITY SNATCHING INCIDENT

Mrs. F. E. E. Booker, wife of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Kowloon, was a victim of a hand-bag snatcher last night in Des Voeux Road Central.

Mrs. Booker was walking near Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Company, at 7 p.m. when the incident occurred, the snatcher escaping.

The bag contained \$40 and a gold pocket-watch.

Interest, he added, to announce in advance measures it was proposed to adopt. — British Wireless.

A BOMB MAKES BLIND MAN SEE AGAIN

(By A Special Correspondent)

SHOCKS OF A BOMB falling near him has restored to an ex-soldier the sight he lost in the last war. Doctors say a "miracle" has befallen the man, Mr. J. Brooker, of Harling Street, Camberwell, S.E.

He walked down the street to meet me with a shopping basket, calling at various shops on his own.

Yet this former blind man has another tragedy to look upon now that he can see.

He walked unaided and in the afternoon sunshine to visit the companion who had stood by him through all his years of darkness.

The shock of the bombing and of realising her husband's sight had come back

and of seeing my wife." — "We have no children," said Mr. Brooker. "My wife has been my constant companion." Then the man who has only managed to feel his way step by step along the street for so many years said:

"I must hurry off to the hospital. Whatever happens I mustn't miss seeing my wife."

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THE WAR WORKER

The British Association for Labour Legislation has produced a timely report on welfare and health in relation to war-time hours of work and output. The Government has shown a good appreciation of the dangers of unrestricted and unregulated working time, but it is important that it should be backed by an informed and alert public opinion.

Some employers and indeed some workpeople hardly realise that over-work can be a national disservice. It brings a fall in the curve of hourly output and an increase in sickness, accidents, and absenteeism. The Government's policy is sound, and it is regrettable that not all its departments are acting on it.

As the British Association's report says, there is all the difference between "spurt" and "long-run" conditions of production, but we should be careful not to continue the "spurt" too long. The report was that more effective steps should be taken to see that the provisions of the Factories Act are observed; this means an increase in the number of inspectors and also in their firmness of resistance.

The Minister of Labour has shown his concern for welfare and deserves every support in his efforts to get decent mess-rooms and canteens and to encourage communal feeding. It is to be hoped that the appointment of his welfare officers will not be delayed. The report has some sensible remarks on billeting conditions, which require far more attention than they have yet had. As the new munition factories come into work the problem will become urgent.

A further useful point made is the demand that the Board of Education shall undertake an inquiry into the employment of children of school age since the war and stiffen its restrictions. This is bound up, however, with the general question of compulsory school attendance on which so far the Board has pursued such a spineless policy.

THE BIGGER BOTTLE CLUB

The suppression of several London bottle clubs provides an appropriate opportunity to mention the existence of an International Bottle Club, whose members are not in the least interested in overdrinking. A certain Colonel Edward P. Bailey, an

Why The U.S. Fleet Should Go To Singapore

A Washington View

By Joseph G. Harrison

America's Far Eastern policy appears to-day to have crystallised to a point where the country is prepared to take full economic and belligerent measures against Japan. If the latter continues to encroach upon territory considered vital to American safety and well-being.

A number of sources close to the Administration agree that the White House and State Department, strongly supported by the Navy Department, have decided that any further Japanese advance toward the Netherlands or British East Indies or toward Thailand (Siam) and the British Malay States, at whose tip lies the great Singapore naval base, would be sufficient cause for a complete Anglo-American embargo on all trade to and from Japan.

These same sources add that the Administration is fully aware of the fact that such an embargo might well lead to war, but that Washington is determined to take the risk if it is the only way in which Japanese hegemony of the entire western and southern Pacific can be prevented. Meanwhile, the United States will seek in every way to alleviate Far Eastern tension and to convince Japan of the grave danger facing it.

This sudden hardening of American policy, which during the more than three years of the current Sino-Japanese war has vacillated between warnings and deplored, is traceable to the increased resistance of the British in Europe, the growing inclination of the American people to do their part in preserving democracy and the Administration's recognition that a Japanese victory in

Australian, started this sodality in 1926 by placing hundreds of messages in many languages in glass bottles and scattering them, a few at a time, from the deck of a ship on its way from Vancouver to Sydney. The membership grew among the people who found the bottles and read and replied to the messages therein contained. Answers came from all quarters of the globe, and took months and sometimes years to arrive.

From a casual bottle-dropping concern the International Bottle Club has become a systematised business. The members collect thousands of old bottles and hand them over to passengers on long-distance ships, with requests to drop them over the side at specified points in the journey, as far as possible from land. Records of the answers received to the bottle messages are collated and passed round, and the general idea is that the curious hobby may one day provide valuable information as to the drift of world ocean currents and the direction of winds. Some of the bottles have tortuous and long voyages; one, dropped by a Japanese Bottle Club member near Kamchatka, arrived three years later at Chile, and messages thrown overboard at Alaska have

been recovered by a Japanese member of the club. A certain Colonel Edward P. Bailey, an

Asian and a German-Italian victory in Europe would place this country between the jaws of a totalitarian nutcracker.

Having received an unpleasant jolt last July when Great Britain agreed to a three-months closure of the Burma Road, the main Chinese trade artery to the outside world, the Administration is reported to have decided that its aid to Britain must go beyond the supplying of arms and must include economic, diplomatic, and, if necessary, military cooperation with Great Britain in the Far East.

Evidence of this cooperation is present in the American embargo on the export of iron and steel scrap to Japan and in the \$125,000,000 loan to the Chinese Government, both of which actions coincided with a British announcement that the Burma Road would be reopened. This cooperation was strengthened by the signing of the German-Italian-Japanese agreement as it emphasised to the Administration and to the American people that their remaining friend of any strength in the world was the British Empire.

There is a strong, well-substantiated belief in authoritative Washington circles that this American—one might almost call it an Anglo-American—policy toward Japan will be a dynamic rather than a static defence of American interests in the Far East. Persons close to current Anglo-American conversations, which are officially admitted to be of the "utmost importance," have informed "The Christian Science Monitor" that American use of British air and naval bases throughout the Pacific Ocean is already determined upon.

Since American use of the Singapore base, which high Navy officials have said unofficially can become as important to American defence as are the Hawaiian Islands, is included in this agreement, the scope of the new Anglo-American cooperation can be realised.

Of increasing importance in State Department and White House deliberations on the Far East is the voice of the Navy Department, whose long-standing predictions as to Japan's Far Eastern intentions are now being borne out. Thus the public statements of active or retired Navy officials are now being carefully studied in Washington.

As long ago as last April, when there was little evidence that the Administration was nearing the end of its patience with Japan, Rear Admiral Joseph K. Taussig, a departmental authority on Far Eastern Affairs, told the Senate Naval Affairs Committee that "I cannot see how we can escape being forced into eventual war (with Japan) by the present trend of events."

This statement takes on added interest when compared with a recent declaration by Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, retired, former commander of the Asiatic Fleet, that war between the United States and Japan appears "very likely." Similar sentiments have been expressed by Admiral William H. Standley, retired, former chief of Naval Operations, who feels that the United States should take strong and immediate economic action against Japan.

The present crystallisation of America's policy toward Japan, while flowering during the past few months, has roots that go back for several years. Many persons in Washington assert that the first inkling of this policy was given by President Roosevelt in his famous "quarantine" the aggressors' speech of October, 1937. This speech was followed a few months later by the dispatch to London of a secret Navy Department emissary whose job it was to explore the possibility of Anglo-American cooperation in the Far East.

Although nothing much came of

A Naval View

By Capt. Frederick Oliver, U.S.N., Ret.

For years, Japan has patiently awaited an opportunity to assert its dominance over the Western Pacific. The recent pact with the Axis power indicates that either it is convinced that the psychological time has arrived, or its economic condition has forced the country's militant rulers to gamble on their nation's future.

Whatever may be the reason, the die appears to be cast. Japan's representative leaders have virtually told the United States to withdraw from participation in any matter in which Japan considers it has an interest, and now, unless Japan is willing to submit to "loss of face" it must make good its demands.

In taking its recent stand, Japan has either deliberately discounted the economic effect of the boycott and embargo that can be laid against it by the United States, or has counted on the Presidential campaign reducing the United States to a state of lethargy and confusion.

Approximately two thirds of Japan's oil requirements are supplied by the United States, and the remainder comes from the Netherlands East Indies. An embargo on oil from the United States would have the immediate effect of increasing Japan's demands on the Dutch oil fields, which now divert to Japan only an estimated 10 per cent of their output.

Any reluctance on the part of the Dutch authorities in complying with such demands invites invasion, because Japan must have oil. It has failed to interest Mexico in supplying its needs, and with California oil no longer available, Japan must turn to Borneo.

Japan has long been credited with designs upon these fabulously rich islands, and no doubt is prepared to include them in the "new order in Greater East Asia" just as soon as the necessary "incident" can safely be contrived.

Japan, behind its fortified bases in home waters and outlying islands, occupies a superb position defensively. However, it is poorly located strategically for carrying out an offensive campaign, and is now engaged in making a desperate effort to remedy this defect.

In any campaign in the Western Pacific, the lines of communication are the controlling

ceeding months saw popular and Congressional agitation for an embargo upon Japan, which culminated in the dramatic announcement in July, 1939, that the United States was abrogating the American-Japanese Trade Treaty, thus opening the way for economic sanctions against Japan.

Further evidence of American displeasure with the course of Japanese aggression came when the United States placed a "moral" embargo on the shipment of aeroplanes to Japan and with the refusal of the Maritime Commission to charter off tankers to that country. An embargo upon the export of aviation gasoline and of the necessary tetraethyl for making it also followed. But it was not until the joint Anglo-American action of embargoing American iron and steel scrap and the British reopening of the Burma Road that Tokyo became convinced that a real change might be at hand.

At present the United States Government is making a minute survey of the effect which an over-all American and an Anglo-American embargo would have upon Japan. It is understood that particular attention is being given to the question of American silk purchases from Japan.

Thus while it seems improbable that strong joint Anglo-American action can be expected if Japan confines its activities to the Chinese mainland, it is believed a certainty that this country is prepared to take strong steps if Japan moves much farther to the south or the south-west.

factors, and it is along its far-flung lines of communication that Japan is vulnerable. Disrupt them and the Japanese Empire will revert to its semi-civilisation of 100 years ago, for Japan produces few of the raw materials that enter into present-day requirements.

Japan's line of communication with the world, except for the Americas and local trade with near-by Asia, goes through the Strait of Sunda. The proximity of Singapore to this vital trade route has caused Japan to eye with great concern the establishment of Britain's magnificent naval base in sheltered Seletar Harbour.

The 2,500 miles of ocean that separate Japan and Singapore made Britain's base secure from any serious threat by the Japanese Navy. In an effort to overcome this handicap, Japan, during the past few years, has neglected no opportunity of seizing sites where intermediate bases could be located. First, Hainan Island was taken. Later, came the seizure of Spratly Island, which is less than 1,000 miles from Singapore.

Now with one eye on China and the other on Singapore, Japan has begun to penetrate Indo-China. Should its forces reach Saigon, they will be within 800 miles of Singapore.

The United States cannot afford to wait. Every wasted day is a tragedy. The Atlantic is now dominated by the British Fleet. A friendly, well-equipped base at Singapore beckoning to American ships, is an entirely different matter from attempting to project a hazardous, exhausting campaign across the wide Pacific to arrive at a port which must be seized and made secure as a base from which our fleet can operate.

A heavy force of United States ships at Singapore would threaten one end of Japan's 2,500-mile line of communications through the South China Sea to such an extent that Japan would have to concentrate its fleet in that area or else withdraw.

If such a concentration is effected, Japan's long line of communication will be inadequately guarded elsewhere, and will be open to disrupting raids by cruisers operating from Manila, Hong Kong, and Hawaii.

In the past, Japan received every consideration by the United States Government. Now that Japan, of its own accord, has asked for a showdown, the United States should immediately place the needed "force" at Singapore to insure that Japan keeps the peace.

The tremendous advantage gained from taking the initiative has long been a well-recognised principle of war, and the present conflict has forcibly illustrated the disastrous results that come from failing to seize and hold the initiative. The United States now has an opportunity for exercising the initiative. Japan has gambled on American unwillingness to do so.

Japan is definitely on the move, and has never shown any inclination to avoid taking the initiative. Twice, Japan has struck first and declared war afterward, and its present long-drawn-out contest with China has never been designated a war.

In Indo-China, Japan already is within bombing distance of the Burma Road. If the United States waits longer, it may be too late. With Japan strongly entrenched in Indo-China and the Netherlands East Indies, the British will have passed beyond recall from American hands, and Singapore will have become a liability instead of an asset. The American fleet should be at Singapore before the United States places an embargo on oil to Japan. Every day of delay gives Japan more opportunity to strengthen its position in the South China Sea.

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SHOT MURDER RAIDERS DOWN GETS D.F.C.

ONE OF THE MEN who has for weeks been defending London from the fury of Hitler's air blitzkrieg has been honoured. He is Acting Flight-Lieutenant Christopher Frederick Currant, and he has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Ministry announced.

Four other D.F.C.'s and one D.F.M. were at the same time awarded to men who have been prominent in attacks on enemy territory, destroying the Nazi invasion schemes.

Of Acting Flight-Lieutenant Currant the Air Ministry said he "has led his flight with great skill and courage in air combats in the defence of London," and "has destroyed seven enemy aircraft and damaged a number of others."

"His splendid example and fine fighting spirit have inspired the other pilots in his flight."

He was born at Luton in 1911, and his home is at Harpenden, Herts. He enlisted in the R.A.F. in January, 1936.

20 Attacks

Acting Squadron Leader John Fulton was awarded the D.F.C.

This Officer, the Air Ministry said, has taken part in 20 major operations over enemy territory since early in June, 1940.

One night in September an attack on enemy objectives at Brussels was frustrated by the failure of the starboard engine and he turned for home. Later the engine functioned normally, and he decided to resume his mission.

He made two successful attacks, straddling the railway junction with both sticks of bombs.

Tribute is paid to his "persistent determination, outstanding skill and devotion to duty in the face of heavy opposition and many set-backs."

Acting Squadron Leader Fulton was born and educated in British Columbia.

Bombed Harbour

The D.F.C. is awarded also to Acting Flight-Lieutenant Peter Coplestone Lemon, who since the beginning of the war has conducted 28 operations over Norway, Holland, France, Belgium and Germany.

In September, with great courage in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire, he dived to 500 feet over Antwerp harbour and released a stick of bombs which caused a large brick building to blow up and burn furiously.

His aircraft was damaged, but by skilful piloting a successful landing was made.

The pilot is a West Countryman, born in Devon and with his home in Weston-super-Mare.

Pilot Officer Clare Arthur Hovendon Connor, has been awarded the D.F.C. for an attack he made as captain of an aircraft on enemy barge concentrations at Antwerp in September.

After a fruitless attempt to bomb, he approached the target again, and was subjected to intense fire from the ground, but the attack was pressed home successfully.

During this attack the bomb compartment in the aircraft was shattered and a fire started which quickly spread to the wireless operator's and rear gunner's cockpit. The port mid-wing and the tail boom were damaged.

Shell fire pierced the port rear petrol tank, causing grave risk of the fire spreading, and the starboard tank was also pierced.

Pilot Officer Connor is a Canadian, and his wife is lying at Bridgwater, Somerset.

The navigator and rear gunner abandoned the aircraft, but the wireless operator and gunner remained and extinguished the flames.

Pilot Officer Connor then succeeded in flying back to his base and landing without further damage, despite his machine's condition.

Defied A.A. Guns

The last D.F.C. was granted to Pilot Officer Willred John Lewis, who in September successfully pressed home, in the face of intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire and searchlight glare, a dive-bombing attack on a concentration of barges in Antwerp docks.

Since March Pilot Officer Lewis has taken part in 38 flights over enemy territory.

The D.F.M. was awarded to Sergeant Andrew McDowall, who, it was stated, has led his section on many occasions and has destroyed at least six enemy aircraft, one in a brilliant head-on attack at night.

TO GO TO U.S.A. IN YACHT

Seven persons are to make an adventurous trip from Britain to the U.S.A. in a small yacht.

Since there is now no other way in which he can get back to his home in an American ship, Mr. Henry B. Clarke, an American business man, has bought his own yacht.

This has been fitted out for him at a small Devon port, and is ready to cross the Atlantic.

The vessel in question is the 136 tons schooner "Norroit," which Mr. Clarke has bought from its former owner, Earl Beatty, just for the purpose of returning to California. With passengers and crew her complement numbers seven.

The difficulty of finding a crew has been overcome, and Mr. Clarke has succeeded in getting six tough West Countrymen, all over military age, but who are game enough to tackle the adventure of crossing the Atlantic in such a small vessel.

BOMBS FELL AS A BABY WAS BORN

A NURSING SISTER tending to a woman giving birth to a baby, with bombs dropping all round the tall block of a tenement flats. Another racing to safety through the night in an ambulance with a mother and two-hour-old baby while explosions almost shook the wheel from the driver's hands.

Take us out, I do not know what I would have done for the mother and baby.

Another nurse, grey-haired Sister M. Allfrey, who has voluntarily come back to the hospital, where she was trained thirty years ago, said she had during the war, was luckier.

She had three patients to get to safety and found an ambulance.

One of the babies was two hours old when the ambulance set out for a south-eastern hospital. German planes overhead dropped "salvo" after "salvo" of bombs as the ambulance, unlit, threaded its way through the streets.

"I'd Have Managed"

Sister Allfrey said: "Another of the women was expecting her baby at any moment. If it had happened, I should have had to attend the mother in the dark." Then, usually, "I suppose I should have managed."

"It was a nightmare journey. The bombs were dropping close and shaking the ambulance. One bomb lifted the vehicle from the road and threw the porter who was with us, to the floor."

"But we arrived safely and that was all that mattered."

'PARACHUTIST' WAS A WEATHER SPY

Police, Home Guards and A.R.P. men took part in a parachutist hunt in Woodford and Buckhurst Hill recently.

For many miles around what appeared to be a parachute was seen slowly descending from a great height. In cars and on cycles the officials followed it for over half an hour, till it came to rest in the garden of a house in Buckhurst Hill. It proved to be a meteorological balloon used for weather reports.

COUNTESS'S SON AS A SEAMAN

Bidding farewell to his wealthy friends and life as owner of a 1,000-acre cotton plantation in Peru, the thirty-three-year-old Hon. Walter Osra Bunt-Mackenzie, second son of the Countess of Cromarty, sailed for England to join the Navy.

Now he works aboard a ship in a West Country port as Ordinary Seaman Mackenzie. He signed up for special duties in one of the most dangerous jobs in the Navy at a wage of 28s. a week.

When not at sea his work will include scrubbing decks, peeling potatoes and polishing brasses.

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The Week In Pictures



Play in the annual Bowls match between St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies.



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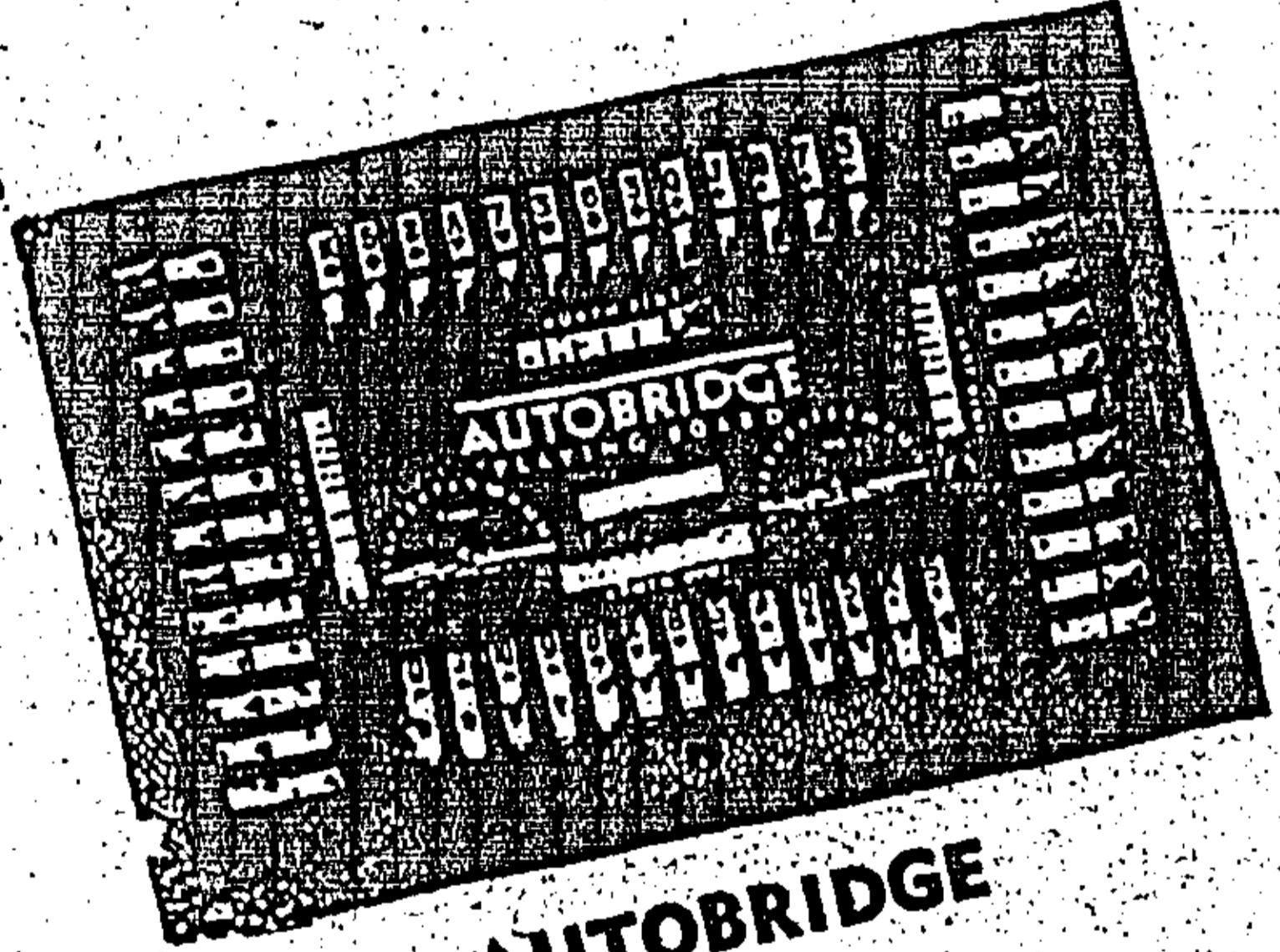


Jean Lee batting for Canuckettes who beat Panthers 11-3 in Sunday's Softball.



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SHORT STORY

OVERCOAT FOR DAVE By KEITH AYLING

Anne's smooth brow furrowed as she put down Aunt Mary's letter after reading it for the third time. It was all very well being on her aunt's favourite niece, 'but there was a limit. Changing from her pale blue house-frock to her black costume Anne felt hot and unhappy.

She sighed. She wanted to avoid a row, as she always did, but since Dave, her husband, and Aunt Mary had been at tacit loggerheads over nothing at all, it had really been difficult to keep the peace.

Poising her beret on her blonde head, Anne decided that this time Aunt Mary had gone too far. Dave wasn't good for nothing. He was energetic, industrious and loyal, the ideal husband.

She read the letter again. "I am sending you £5 for your birthday, and I insist on your buy-

ing something for yourself," Aunt Mary had written. "I shall be very angry if I hear that you have spent it on housekeeping or on that good-for-nothing husband of yours."

Anne sighed as she put the letter back in her handbag. Ever since Dave had given up a safe position in a bank to go into the wireless trade, with the idea of starting in business on his own, Aunt Mary had not approved of him. And Dave was beginning to resent the old lady's attitude.

"If she wasn't your only relative, and if you weren't the most wonderful woman in the world, I'd tell her something," he had said.

Anne's blue eyes were troubled as she glanced at the clock. She grabbed her shopping bag. Dave came home at half-past twelve. She hurried off. Waiting in the

grocer's she thought of Aunt Mary's £5. She wanted a new winter coat; some new shoes, and in the spring she was going to have a baby.

Dave needed a new overcoat desperately. He would have to buy one soon. Salesmen had to look smart. Dave's birthday was two days after hers. Anne felt the oranges, and wondered if bananas were more economical. If Dave didn't have a new overcoat soon he would look terribly shabby. The last time his coat had come back from the cleaners there had been so many little squares of red cotton to mark the worn places.

Choosing the meat she wondered if she dared to defy Aunt Mary. If she bought herself a cheap coat on credit she might manage to pay for it by tightening up the housekeeping. Dave had never noticed when she gave him margarine instead of butter—or he had been too sporting to notice.

Dave was a sport, she remembered with pride as the butcher dropped the meat into her bag, and he was clean and honest. It was just as exciting being married to him now as it had been five years ago. Jogging home with the heavy bag she could think of nothing but to give him a new overcoat.

When he arrived home for lunch Dave dropped a fondly appreciative kiss on her ear. "Darling, what would you like for your birthday? I expect I'll be able to find something in the old sock."

She slipped her arm round his neck and kissed him on the side of the mouth. "Why not postpone the present business until next year, darling?"

He shook his head and made a face. "No, a birthday's a birthday, and you deserve one every day of the year, my sweet."

It was nice to be loved that way, Anne thought as she answered. "I want a packet of smokes and a box of Turkish delight, so that I can make a pig of myself in the afternoon when you are away."

Over lunch Dave suddenly stopped eating. Anne felt a little uncomfortable as he studied her, his dark blue eyes full of concern. "Here, I say, darling," he remarked anxiously, "you're not eating anything. What's up, Anne, tum- my acha or something?"

Before Anne could answer, he had come round the table and was hugging her tenderly. "Tell me, darling," he whispered. "What is it? I hate to see you worried."

She shook her head and made her voice convincing. "There's nothing wrong, my sweet; it's just, well, oh, I've just got the miseries, I suppose."

"Oh, indeed, well, I'll have to kiss them away and risk giving you indigestion." Dave laughed lovingly as he took her in his arms. They hugged each other.

They seemed to melt into one person, with the same hopes, the same great purpose to love each other always. Their eyes grew misty with happy contentment. "To think that two people could be so happy together," murmured Dave. "It's too wonderful."

"And it's going to last for ever," breathed Anne. "No one could ever come between us."

Dave's grip on her slackened a minute. His face was resolute as he echoed. "No one." He broke into a little grin. "Not even the famous Aunt Mary."

Immediately the front door had closed behind him. Anne's mind went to ways and means of buying him a new overcoat. She settled herself in the big lawn armchair and stared at the big bowl of red roses by the window. Dave, she was frank with Aunt Mary and tell her how important it was that Dave should have smart clothes for his work. She decided against that.

Dave had forbidden her to discuss finance with her aunt after one unfortunate skirmish. There was another reason. One day Dave wanted to go into business on his own, and Aunt Mary had suggested that if they ever wanted capital she would supply it. Of course, Dave had turned the idea down flat.

"I wouldn't be bossed by your aunt, darling," he had said. "She means well, I know, but, if she puts a farthing into the business she would want to run it. No, I'll work my way up to some manager of this firm, then I'll raise the capital on my record. It won't be difficult. Let's keep the family out of the business."

Anne reflected. Dave was inclined to be a little too sensitive over Aunt Mary, who had been a father and mother to her. If her

uncle did want to invest some money why should it not be in Dave's business. She did not think her aunt would interfere either.

Dave was thinking of Anne's birthday as he went back to the office. He had started saving up for her present at the beginning of the year with the idea of giving her something really good. But there had been so many things and business had been bad. His commission account had not come up to expectations. Anne wanted a winter coat with a silver fox collar. He would have liked to have given her something like that before the baby came.

As he rounded the door of the main office of the firm where he worked the girl at the switchboard signalled him. "Letter for you, Mr. Lander and he wants to see you." She noticed her dark head towards the sales manager's office.

Dave slipped the letter into his pocket. He tapped at the frosted glass door panel. Mr. Phillips, the sales manager, greeted him with a brisk nod. "Sit down, Lander. I'll talk to you a second."

Dave settled his spare young body in the deep leather chair. His quick eyes studied his boss. How smart Phillips was. He was dapper, the ace of efficiency and prosperity. Dave envied him his neat blue suit, the spotless linen collar, and the burnished dark tan shoes.

His eyes were unhappy as they went to his own that were showing signs of wear and tear, and his suit that didn't answer to pressing very well these days.

He started from his reverie, aware that Mr. Phillips was looking at him. "Oh, Lander," began the sales manager. "You're doing well, but you're not doing well enough as my head salesman. I've made no secret of the fact that we've earmarked you for a bigger job, so I am going to talk to you squarely. I want you to give me that little extra effort, and I want you to look ahead a bit." Phillips paused thoughtfully, his fresh grey eyes on Dave. "Lander has it ever occurred to you how important a part appearance plays in our game?"

"Yes, sir, I have. As a matter of fact I was thinking of that very thing when you began to speak." Dave knew his face was getting hot. "Good, I am glad of that, Lander. I was afraid you were getting a little slack. Appearance has a great deal to do with the psychology of sales success. A client even in the smallest business always prefers to give his order to a well-dressed representative. When I was your age I starved myself to buy clothes."

"But you see, I have a wife and—Dave was defending, but Mr. Phillips baulked him sharply. "So had I, Lander. She starved too. Now she reaps the benefit." He wagged a lean freckled finger at Dave. "Make your sacrifice while you are young. You have the right stuff in you. Keep your sales going up, and I'll raise you in two months. In the meantime I want to see you the best-dressed man, on the best-dressed staff in the business."

Marching his heated self out, Dave admitted that Mr. Phillips was right, and what could he do about it? His mind turned over anxiously. With the furniture, instalments due, the insurance and the money he was putting by for the baby's arrival, Anne must have the best. He frowned and clenched his fist in sudden worry. He simply couldn't afford a new overcoat or a suit, and he needed both. So did Anne. The poor lad hadn't had anything decent since they were married. He jumped on a bus.

He was feeling for a penny to pay his bus fare when his fingers touched the letter. He had forgotten all about it. His face was puzzled as he studied the envelope. Who would write to him at the office? Although the writing was familiar, he could not place it. He tore it open and his eyes widened. "Golly," was all Anne had said. She had sent him £5 for his birthday. Five pounds! Dave gasped—pennies from Heaven!

But his face sobered all at once. There was a postscript. "You are to buy something for yourself (he read) and you are to tell your wife about this cheque. She would not understand my being generous with you, having been spoilt all her life."

Dave grunted in sudden anger. Of all the cheek! So the old girl was cross with Anne as well now.

He would jolly well send her back the cheque, and tell Aunt Mary—tell her what, he asked himself. She was Anne's only relative. He had promised Anne to be tactful with the old dear. His face was gloomy as he surveyed the cheque. That fiver would have been so useful.

When at the psychological moment of the interview his client refused to sign on the dotted line, he wondered if a new suit would have helped him to clinch the deal. Outside again he stopped in front of a shop window, and contemplated his reflection. Phillips was right. He was getting to look like a tramp. He would have to do something about it.

"Aunt Mary's coming to tea on Sunday," Anne announced after dinner. She shuddered with alarm as Dave snorted. "Fah! That old cat, I'm sick of being nice to her. Why does she have to come on my birthday of all days. We ought to spend birthdays alone. She'll want to know what I have given you for a present, and she'll look down her nose at whatever it is."

Anne was sitting on the big cream pouffe at his feet with her blonde curls laid against his knee. "Oh, darling, please be nice to Aunt Mary this time. I have a special reason."

Dave did not answer. She patted his knee impishly. "Please, darling, be extra nice this time, it's important."

"But I'm always nice to her. I believe if I let go sometimes she'd respect me more. She seems to think I'm a spineless nit-wit because I accept all she says." He ran his fingers through her hair.

"But I'll be on my best behaviour for your sake, my sweet... I promise, but it's going to be difficult. You see—"

The front door bell rang. Anne sped to answer it. At the door she halted. "Oh, Dave, I forgot to tell you." Her cheeks were bright spots of colour. Now she was frightened of what she had done. "Dave, please don't be cross, but Mr. Martin, the tailor, called. While business is slack he is making clothes for his old clients at a special reduction. I thought you needed an overcoat and—er—I promised to pay it off at five bob a week. I can manage that out of housekeeping."

Dave's eyes flashed with sudden irritation as he stood up. Anne came over and stretched up to kiss him. He held her slender body close to his. He remembered that interview with the sales manager. So Anne had noticed, too. After a little while he said: "All right, Anne, we can do it on credit for once. I do need a coat badly." But it went against the grain.

While the tailor was measuring him, he wondered if he dared tell Anne about Aunt Mary's cheque. He would not for the moment, the matter needed thinking over very carefully.

The next morning Anne was wrestling with the housekeeping accounts when the noise of Dave's key in the door disturbed her. It was 11 o'clock. She fled to the hall.

Dave caught her in his arms. He lifted her off her feet to kiss her. "Sweetheart, you're having a new coat, too, for your birthday. I've had a bit of luck—a £5 bonus for getting a difficult client. Hurry up with lunch, and we'll go and buy it." He began to whistle a fox-trot and they danced into the kitchen.

Anne met him at the office that night in her new coat. "Darling, you look lovely. I am a lucky man." Dave's dark face was lit with enthusiasm. It was as if they were just married, it seemed to her. How wonderful it was to be so completely in love.

Over dinner she reflected happily. How wonderful of Dave to have spent his bonus on her birthday present. Really he ought to have invested in a new suit to go with the overcoat. Her contentment faded as her mind went to Sunday. If she fibbed to Aunt Mary and told her she had bought the new coat with her cheque?

But she dare not tell Dave about Aunt Mary's cheque, that she was going to return as tactfully as possible. She wondered what to do.

"Dave, you won't tell Auntie how much you gave for my coat," she hazarded, later as she snuggled on his lap in her blue padded dressing gown. "She might think we were extravagant."

Dave's answer sent her alarm clock high.

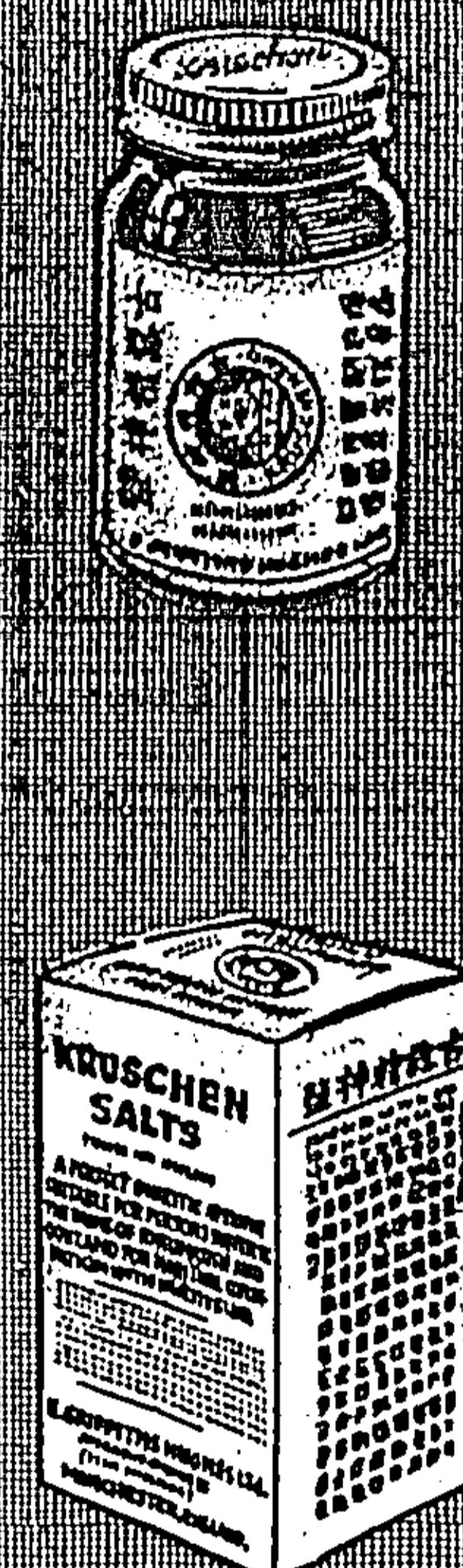
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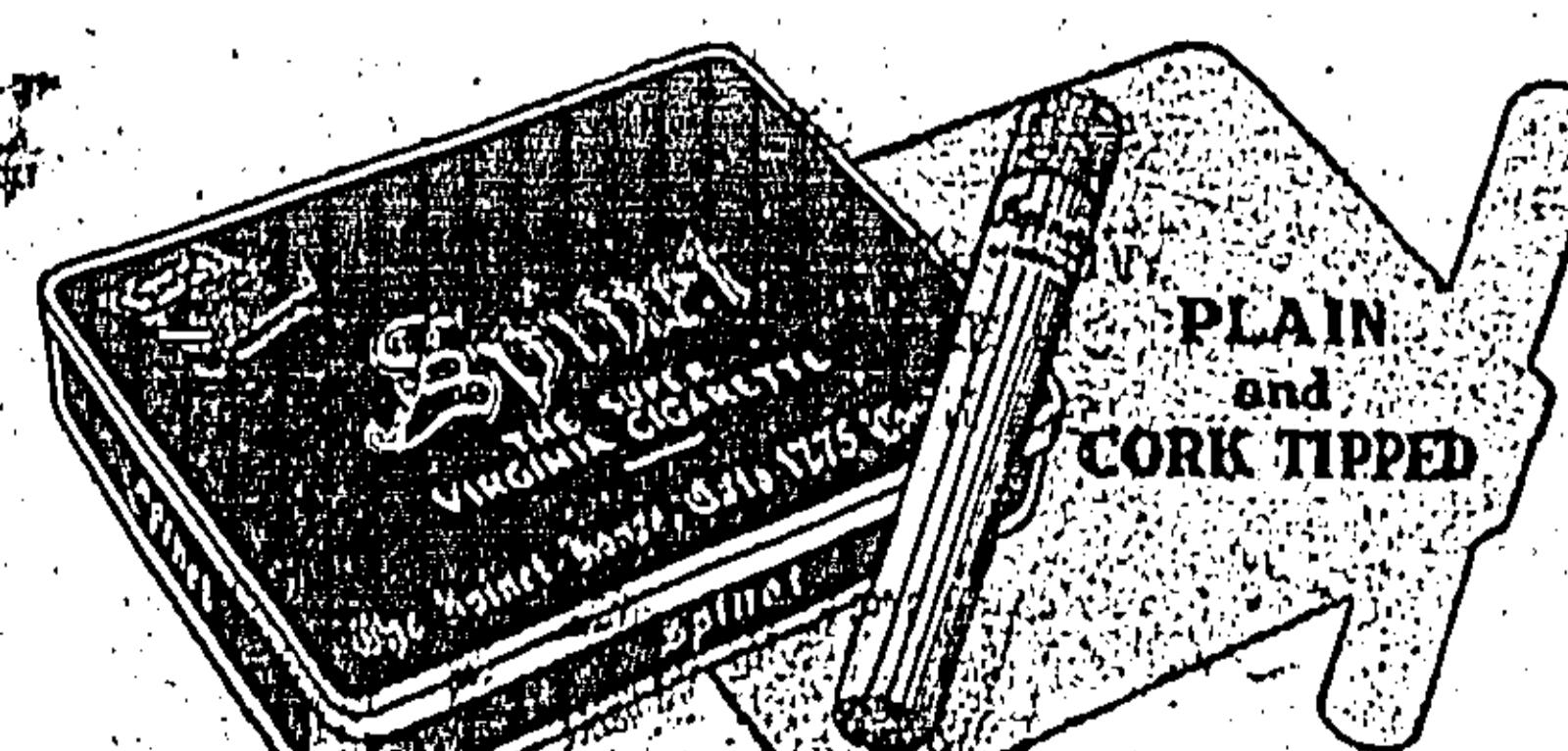
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Jockeys And Mounts

How They Lost--And Won

TWO unknown riders made history at Kempton Park recently. One of them, named Dawson, signalled his first race in England by steering a 20-to-1 chance to victory. The other unknown, by the name of Eddowes, won by four lengths on another outsider, making mincemeat of the day's "good thing," which was ridden by no less a celebrity than Gordon Richards.

It is just these little incidents that go to make up that "glorious uncertainty of the Turf" about which we hear so much.

A totally unknown young jockey won the Derby on the 50-to-1 outsider Little Wonder, beating the favourite Lancelot, with the great William Scott "up." The lad's name deserves to be recorded. It was Macdonald; and the records say that he was as cool as a veteran all the way. Nearing the post, Scott, who was by no means scrupulous, shouted, "£1,000 for a pull!" The unknown youngster shouted back, "Too late, Mr. Scott!" and went on to win a sensational Derby.

Another obscure jockey carried off the "Blue Ribbon" on Merry Monarch, whose previous performances caused him to go down in racing history as "the worst horse that ever won the Derby." This jockey's name was Bell.

These unknown lads were doubtless going all out; whereas it is not seldom that a more experienced jock has thrown away a race because of over-confidence. Catherstone won the Derby, with the aforementioned Scott in the saddle, by a good margin. In the St. Leger the mount was given to Frank Butler, but this jockey took too much for granted. To his dismay, Job Marson on Nutwith came with an electric rush, and snatched the victory away from Catherstone and him. Marson was a very fine rider, and was on Teddington when he won the Derby. It is pleasing to record that his last mount, ere he retired, was a winner.

Beat Fred Archer

Another tragic tale of over-confidence losing a big race has to be told in connection with that grand horse Flying Dutchman.

In all his victories he had been

ridden by a jockey named Marlow, who came to believe that "the Dutchman" was invincible. In the Doncaster Cup, Marlow was instructed to ride a waiting race; but he vaingloriously decided to disobey his riding-orders, saying "I'll show them what I've got under me to-day!"

Owing to this temerity, Voltigeur got up and just beat the Flying Dutchman—one of the most sensational "upsets" even seen on a racecourse. Marlow's remorse for his disobedience was bitter, and after the race he was seen leaning against the wall of the weighing-room crying like a child, while Lord Eglington, pale as ashes, was vainly trying to console him. Marlow won other races but died, forgotten, in a workhouse.

Watching the other jockey, ir-

stead of attending to one's own business, has lost more than one but curious, asked him how he managed it. "Well, sir," replied the innocent lad, "I overheard Mr. Archer saying what he intended to do to me during the race, so I thought the best thing was to jump off in front and keep in front all the way."

Lord Rosebery's Derby winner Ladas lost the St. Leger because Ladas, in the saddle, was busy watching Watts on Matchbox, the only opponent he feared. While these two crack jockeys had their eyes upon each other, a gallant filly named Throstle, cleverly steered by Cannon, stole the race.

This habit of Archer's of frightening his inexperienced opponents had an unlooked for repercussion on one occasion. An unknown lad had a totally unexpected win; and

the owner of his mount, gratified by the result, asked him how he managed it. "Well, sir," replied the innocent lad, "I overheard Mr. Archer saying what he intended to do to me during the race, so I thought the best thing was to jump off in front and keep in front all the way."

We have already seen how it is not always the crack jockeys who have the big wins. To the names of Macdonald and Bell, just quoted as unknown boys who rode unexpected Derby winners, let us add that of Parsons.

This unknown lad was put up on Caractacus for the great race at Epsom. Now, Caractacus was so little thought of that his owner did not trouble to go to Epsom to see him run. As it turned out, Parsons, young and untried as he was, rode the despised outsider with the coolness and judgment of a hero of a hundred wins, and brought him first past the post in a superb finish.

We hear a good deal about temperamental horses, and their fits of "nerves" and temper. But a jockey can have his little oddities just the same. There was Sammy Morvan, who would soliloquise aloud as he rode. Over-confidence, curse of so many jocks, also made him throw away a Derby which his mount Bruce was expected to win. Thinking that he had the race in his pocket, he left off riding, and Tom Cannon took Shotover past him to win.

There was Morris, who was deaf, a disability which is no asset to a jockey. He, too, eased up his mount, Galopin, in a memorable Derby. "Go on, Deafy!" shouted George Fordham. And "Deafy" went on—to win.

There was the Yankee Tod Sloan, whose succession of wins went to his head, and made him impossible to deal with.

George Fordham, just mentioned, was known as the "champion kidnapper" among jockeys, and was up to every legitimate move to deceive his rivals and add to his mount's chances. During his career he rode 2587 winners, thus not being far behind the great Fred Archer's record of 2748.

William Scott had a temperament that made him quarrel with everybody. In one Derby he actually stayed at the starting-post to abuse the starter. So marvellous a rider was he that in spite of this delay he made up the lost ground and was only beaten by a short head. His little episode at the start, by the way, cost him an interview with the Stewards and a £5 fine.



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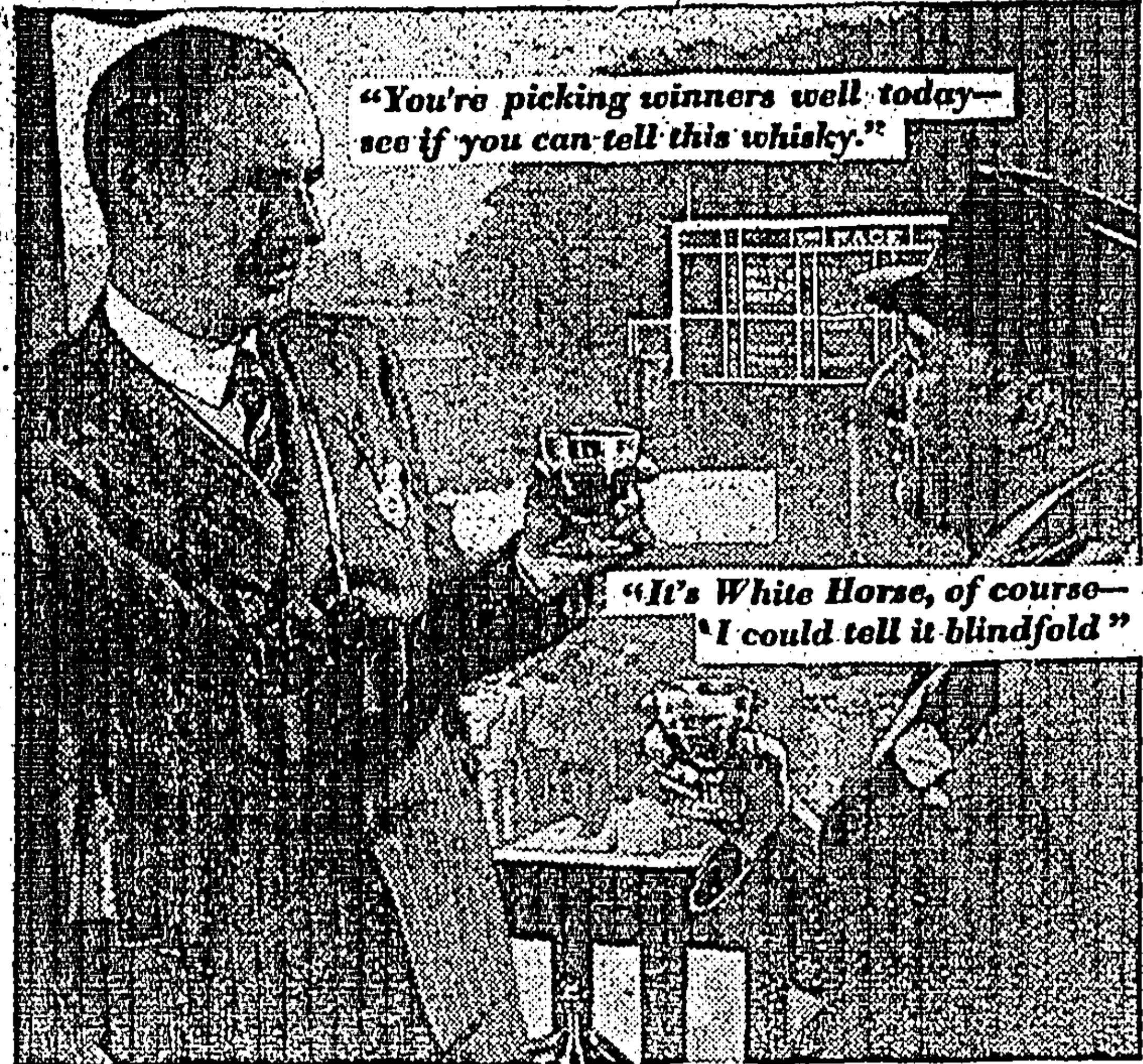
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OVERCOAT FOR DAVE

(Continued from Page 2)

tell her it cost twice as much. As a matter of fact I am just dying to show her that I can afford to buy you something decent."

It was a case of kissing and persuading. Anne did her best, but Dave was still determined. That night in bed Anne thought it all over, and was far from happy. There would be such a row on Sunday. She could never leave Dave and her aunt alone for a moment.

Could she postpone Aunt Mary's visit? Her spirits slumped as she considered the idea. To put off Aunt Mary was like cancelling Christmas Day for the old lady. But if she came and Dave was in his present mood he would be sure to upset her.

She stretched out her hand and touched his head. He turned over and she knew he was not asleep. "Dave, you will be careful with Aunt Mary on Sunday. She is—" "Oh, dry up, darling." Dave's voice was tired. "I'm fed up with her. It's Aunt Mary this and Aunt Mary that. If we smash one of the rotten cups she gave us for a wedding present you worry yourself stiff till you've replaced it. Why must we live in fear and trembling of an old woman?" He turned over again.

Anne did not know what to answer. But when she thought he had gone to sleep he said apologetically, "I'm sorry, old girl. I will be careful, but sometimes it is terribly difficult. Let's hope she doesn't start lecturing me though. I've almost had enough."

Sunday afternoon Aunt Mary blithely installed herself on the settee in the flower-decked drawing-room. With her bright bird-like eyes, her severe black taffeta frock, and the heavy gold chain round her neck, she was a striking contrast to Anne's pink and blue colour scheme. On her carefully arranged grey hair was a hat that seemed to Anne a direct challenge to modern fashion.

Only Aunt Mary could wear a bird's nest, complete with exotic fowl, securely meshed by a heavy veil, and not look ridiculous. Anne did her best to keep the conversation from sinking into silence. In one of the dreadful pauses she realised she would have to leave Aunt Mary and Dave alone while she made the tea.

As she got up her troubled eyes flashed a silent prayer to Dave to cheer up and be sociable. But instead he sat, his face very red, and leant forward over his elbows, and seemed to be absorbed in the pattern of the carpet. Why was he biting his lips? Was he going to quarrel with Aunt Mary? She decided it was not the moment to leave them.

After ten minutes of prolonged agony she dared to go to the kitchen. Waiting for the kettle to boil she tiptoed nervously into the hall to listen if they were talking. Dave's voice brought her to an abrupt halt.

The kettle boiled over. Anne rushed back to turn off the gas. Her face was pale as she entered the drawing-room. Dave was standing up now; she saw his



Mr. Anthony Eden made a comprehensive tour of an Armoured Division in the Eastern Command recently. Here Mr. Eden is watching artillerymen at drill. (Copyright, Fox.)

hands gesticulating as if he was very angry. She leant weakly against the wall, appalled. What she had feared had happened. They were quarrelling.

"Yes, and you can keep your money," she heard Dave say hotly. "I don't want it. I'm sorry, and I don't want to offend you, but I won't allow you to criticise Anne. She is my wife and when she wants anything I'll earn the money and give it her, and—"

"Oh, Dave!" Anne found her voice.

Dave swung round tersely. "Sorry, Anne, I'm afraid I've offended your aunt. I didn't mean to, but you see she sent—"

Anne whooped with surprise, and disappeared. When she came back she was too breathless to speak; she just panted. Dave stared at the pink slip of paper she pushed under Aunt Mary's nose.

"I say, Anne, what on earth?"

Anne's eyes told him to keep quiet. She steadied herself. "Auntie, dear," she contrived quietly, "I wanted to explain before, but I couldn't. Here is the cheque you sent me. I couldn't possibly accept it, not when you feel as you do about Dave."

Anne stopped suddenly. She rushed her hands to her mouth. Her surprised eyes fixed in a blank wondering stare on Aunt Mary's face. Was the old lady ill? Was she light-headed or something? Anne looked at Dave. He was staring dumbfounded.

Aunt Mary was laughing as if she was enjoying a tremendous joke. Jubilantly she tore the two cheques into little pieces and scattered them into the fireplace.

"Something for you to clean up, Anne," she chuckled, her dark eyes twinkling as she surveyed the pair of them. "Oh, dear, oh, dear! I have been wanting a good laugh for such a long time."

Anne subsided into the armchair and was comforted that Dave had moved across to be near her. She put her hand in his.

"My dears," Aunt Mary's voice was a little shaky as she stretched out her arms across to them. "Come over here, both of you, you naughty children, and let me explain," she coaxed. "I'm not mad, really I'm not, although I suppose I'm a little light-headed with happiness. Dave, stop looking like Donald Duck and sit down." She dabbed at her eyes with a lace handkerchief.

"Give me a minute and I'll explain what a naughty old woman I have been, and, and, Dave, your fountain-pen, please."

She almost snatched the pen from Dave's startled fingers. Her ivory white face was set in a determined smile as she rustled over to the bureau in the corner. Over her shoulder she called: "My dears, I'm going into business. Dave, come over here!"

Dave did not move at first, so Anne pushed him forward firmly. "Yes, aunt," he mumbled sheepishly.

"Listen, young man, I have always known you had the best girl in the family, but I wasn't sure whether you were aware of it, or whether you deserved her. Seems to me you do. Now I have found out you are worth while I'm going to invest something more than affection in you two. Dave, it was fine of you to give me back that cheque I sent because I criticised your wife. I did it on purpose, and I am glad you had sufficient grit to tell me I am a meddling, interfering old busybody." She gave him a slip of pink paper.

"Here's a cheque for £1,000. I want you to use it to set yourself up in a wireless business, when you have paid for Anne's birth-

day present."

"But, aunt." Anne's heart turned over at the truculence in Dave's voice.

"No buts," snapped her aunt.

"For the last time listen to me. I shan't set foot in your shop, and I don't dare try and sell me a wireless set. Take the cheque

out of the cashier for your coat, on the condition I paid it back at £1 a week."

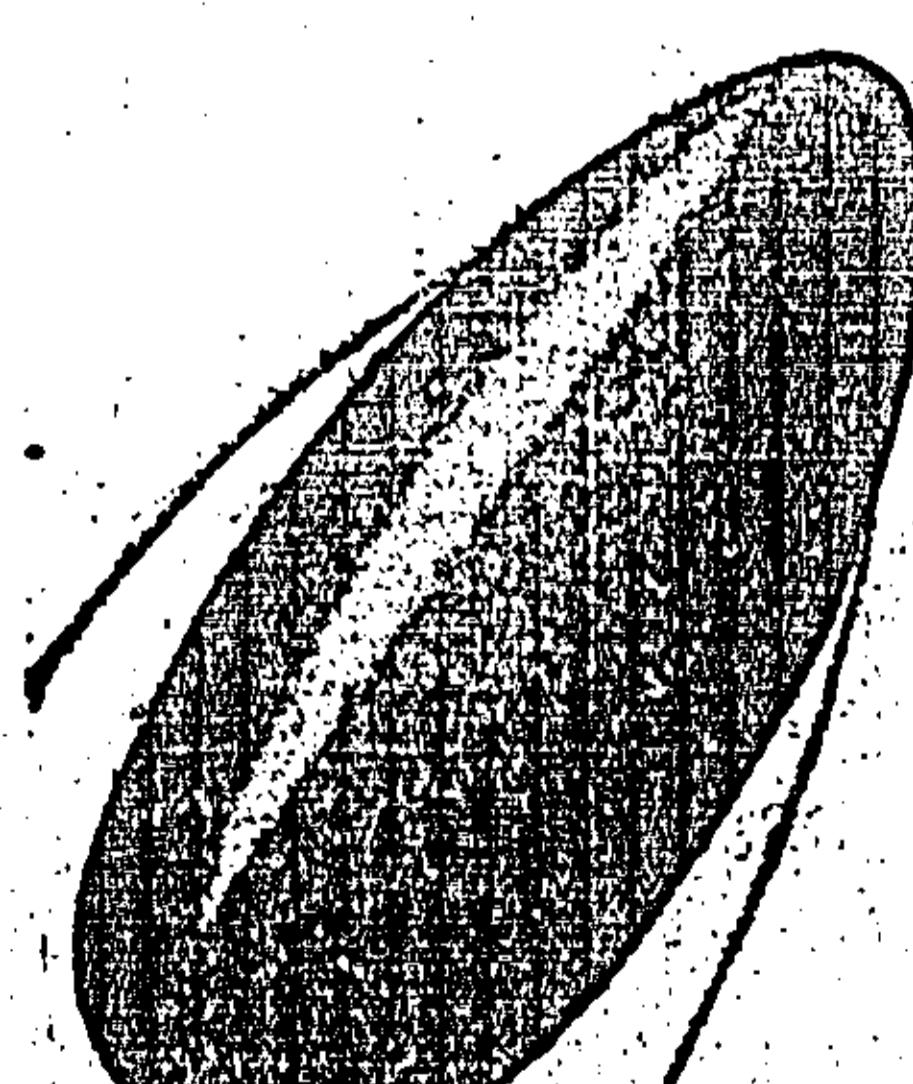
Anne sighed. "So I suppose I really shall have to go light on the housekeeping for months and months, and feed you on margarine, unless the new business will advance me a loan on account."

"It will, if you're very good," Dave whispered. Anne shut her eyes contentedly as he kissed her.

That night, curled up on Dave's knees on the settee, Anne remembered something. "Dave we shall be able to pay a pound a week off your overcoat now," she proposed.

"My sweet," Dave murmured suddenly, "don't cry, you make me feel the same way."

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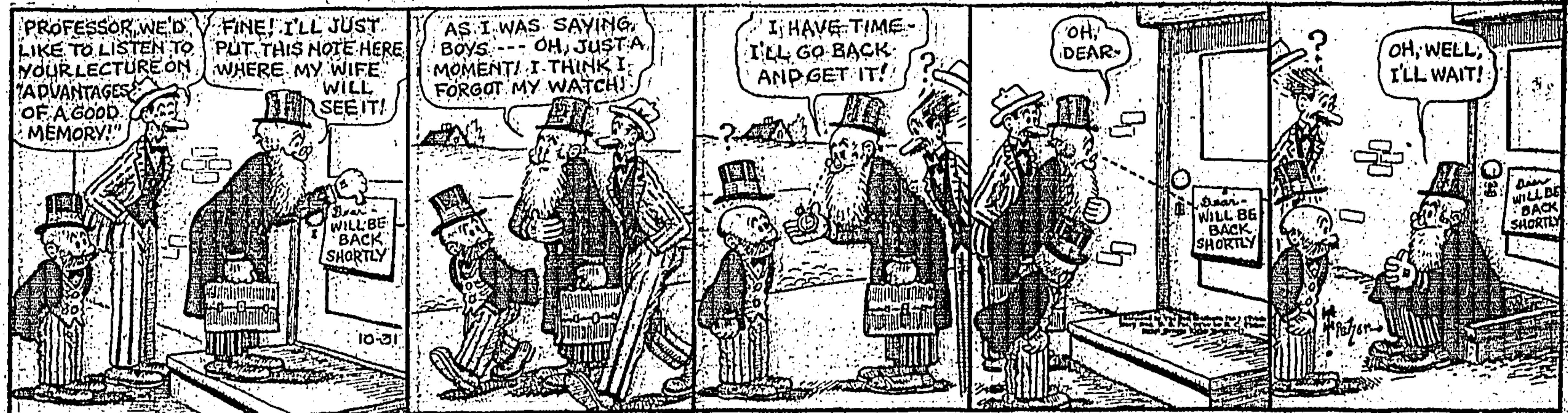
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Solving War-Time Dress Problems

How clothes are worn and how appropriate they are for the wearer are of more importance than how many frocks one possesses.

For the woman of limited income it is far better to have one or two good frocks, harmonising in every detail with accessories, than to have a greater number of inferior gowns that have no relationship in colour and style with the wearer, or with the accessories worn in conjunction with them.

In choosing clothes, exercise care to see that the colours selected are calculated to flatter the natural colour of the wearer. The right colours will depend upon its type of hair and complexion one possesses.

Each article of attire should act as a complement to the general

effects; and when the purse is small as to its contents the choice of style should be such as needing replacement, from the good portions of the material that were removed when making the new top.

Remember, also that the posture plays a large part in how clothes look when on the figure. A little attention to the way one walks, and the way the head is carried, goes a long way towards making the commonplace ensemble look interesting.

If it is worn only in parts, you can treat it effectively by

By Vera Wise

securing a lining of a harmonising colour with the one now in the garment.

The work will look patchy, if you use a material which is a near-match. That is why it is best to buy something entirely different in colour, but of the same class of material.

If the lining of a top coat is to be renovated, a new top from between the waistline and the collar, can be put in.

The new lining can also be used for the upper portions of each sleeve, thus matching the top lining.

The lower portions of the sleeves can be made, if they are needed, from the good portions of the material that were removed when making the new top.

Since the armholes and top of lining are the parts where signs of wear invariably occur, the above treatment is most effective.

Woolens need special treatment in the laundry. Here are some useful suggestions:

Jumpers, cardigans and other woolen garments that are liable to lose to their shape after washing should be dried by pressing out the bulk of the moisture before laying out flat on clean white wrapping paper in the sun.

Never wring out woolens. If you are in a hurry, squeeze out the worst of the moisture, place the garment in a dry towel and beat gently with a copper stick, before putting out to dry.

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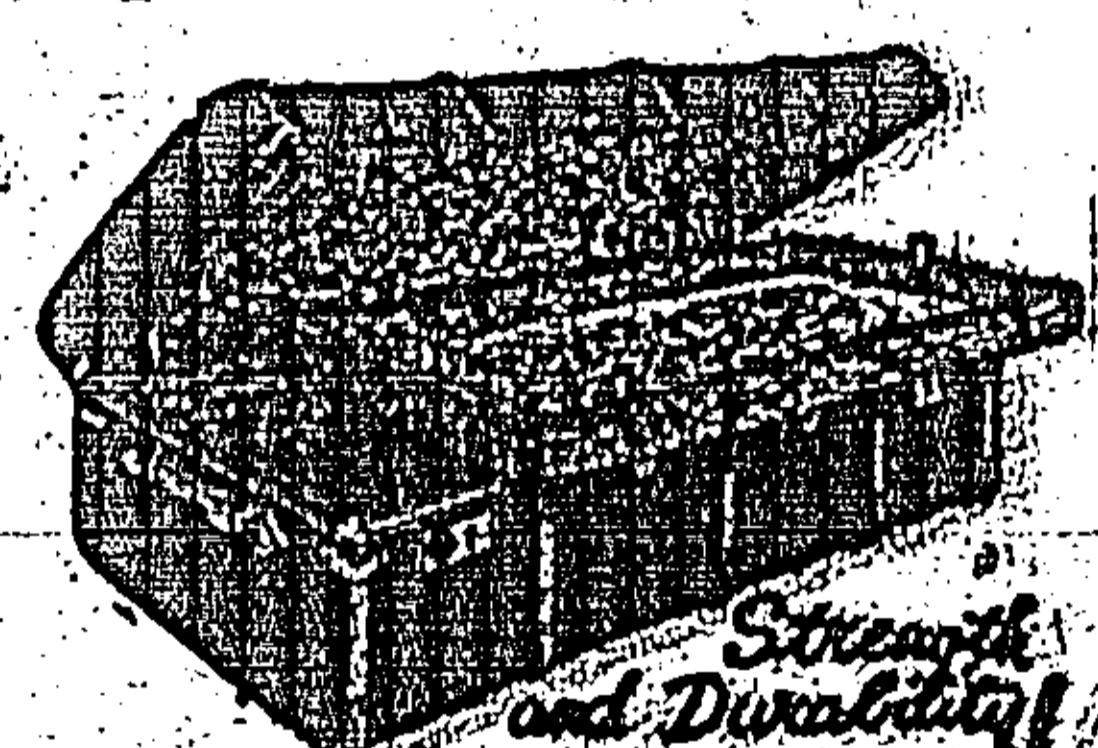
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What few underweights realise is that their condition is caused because their bodies are not functioning normally. And it is usually in the digestive system where the trouble lies.

First Step

Modern nutritionists advise us to flush out the mucus and impurities which have been collecting for some time and making it impossible for sufficient nourishment to be absorbed from the food we eat. For us a matter of fact, many of the too-thin girls eat enormous meals. But the food is not absorbed.

Scientific flushing of the body is done by eating nothing but fruit and vegetable juices for a few days. Fruit juices especially recommended are orange, unsweetened pineapple and tomato. The vegetable juices (taken raw) are: carrot, spinach, beet, celery, parsley, and others.

Once your digestive tract is clear of disturbing deposits eat sensibly. Include whole-grain, fresh green vegetables, fruits every day, young tender meats and pure milk. Do not drink water with your meal, for water tends to dilute the solids.

Health Drink

Several times a day (between meals) mix one fresh egg yolk with a glass of orange juice. Add to it one tablespoon of honey. Beat until foamy.

Or whip up one or two ripe bananas in a tall glass of milk two or three times a day for ripe bananas, furnish the enzyme which helps you to digest other foods.

More Health Rules

Every day the sun shines you should bask in it from one to two hours.

Chew your food very carefully. Never rush your meals. Take time to eat calmly.

As thin types are likely to have smaller stomachs and shorter intestines it is more sensible for them to eat smaller meals but to eat more often.

Exercise self-control. Do not worry so much. Get plenty of rest and let a lot of little details take care of itself. In other words don't fuss.

Remember that eggs, pecans, all fruits, all whole grains, honey, cheese, lean young meats, milk and cream, steak, fish, and all vegetables are the foods you require to BALANCE your nutrition. Until your monus are balanced, and you are giving your body ALL it needs to gain weight, it will never round out into alluring curves! In time you will instinctively know what and when to eat.

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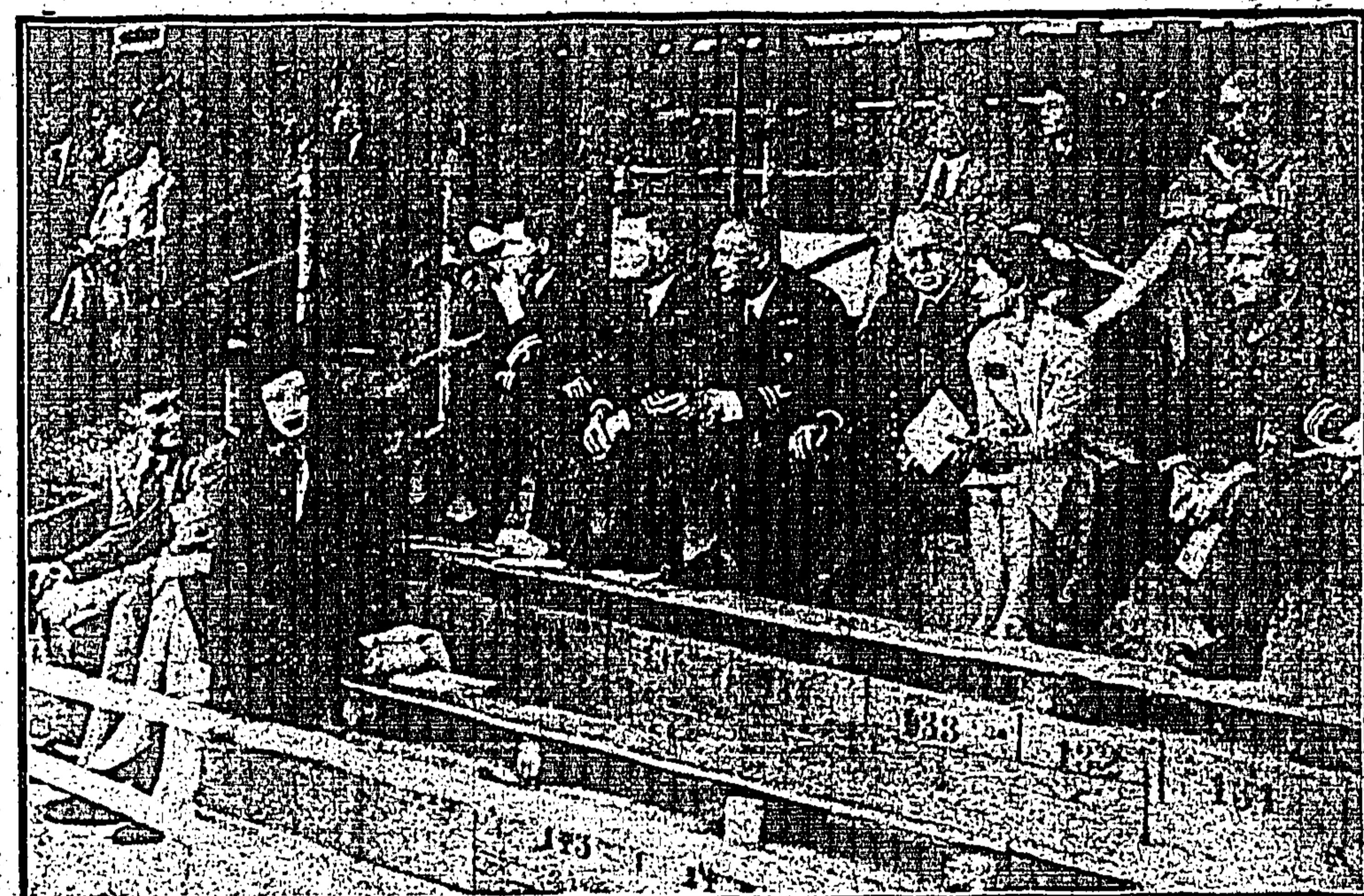




"Grandma" Hutchinson stealing a base in the Cardinals-Little Flowers Softball contest on Sunday.



Only a handful of spectators attended Sunday's Softball matches at the K.F.C.



Some of the spectators who were thrilled at the Club-Navy Ruggers match on the Club ground.



Hoop-la at the three-day Bazaar at Causeway Bay.

(Right)—Taken in Canton city, this picture refutes reports that foreign charity work has stopped in the Kwangtung capital. It shows some of the 4,000 Chinese who are fed each day by the Baptist Mission.



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The treaty was signed by Count Csaky, Hungarian Foreign Minister, and M. Markovitch, Yugoslav Foreign Minister.

It consists of three articles:

Firstly, it declares permanent peace and eternal friendship will exist between the two countries.

Secondly, the signatories agree to consult on all problems affecting mutual relations.

Thirdly, the pact will be ratified at a very early date and will come into force as soon as ratified. — Reuter.

Hungary's Quest

Axist propagandists will doubtless interpret the Yugoslav-Hungarian treaty as indicating Yugoslavia's advance to the Axis, according to political circles in Belgrade yesterday.

Observers in Belgrade, however, do not believe the signing of the treaty means more than an intense desire on Yugoslavia's side to maintain the peace and on Hungary's side to attempt to find some, even if an uneasy, basis for her foreign policy outside the strangling embrace of Axis endeavours.

Mutual Confidence

Following the signing of the Yugoslav-Hungarian treaty of friendship yesterday Count Csaky and M. Markovitch both emphasised in statements to the press that the treaty was a contribution to the maintenance of peace in south-eastern Europe.

M. Markovitch described the treaty as a new contribution to peace and constructive collaboration which was the object pursued by the Hungarian and Yugoslav Governments in the Danube Basin.

Count Csaky referred to the mutual confidence and friendship which united the two nations and said the new treaty was a sure guarantee that the two peoples would be able to follow with success the common road which they had the wisdom to choose. — Reuter.

VALUABLE RING STOLEN

Mrs. Glover, residing at No. 9C, Broom Road (off Blue Pool Road in Happy Valley), has reported the theft of a jade ring, valued at \$500, from her residence yesterday.

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The same quarters state that Mr. Soong is at present negotiating with the United States, presumably in connection with United States credits to China.

The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, is expected to remain in Chungking while the London negotiations are in progress. — Reuter.

Blitzsweep

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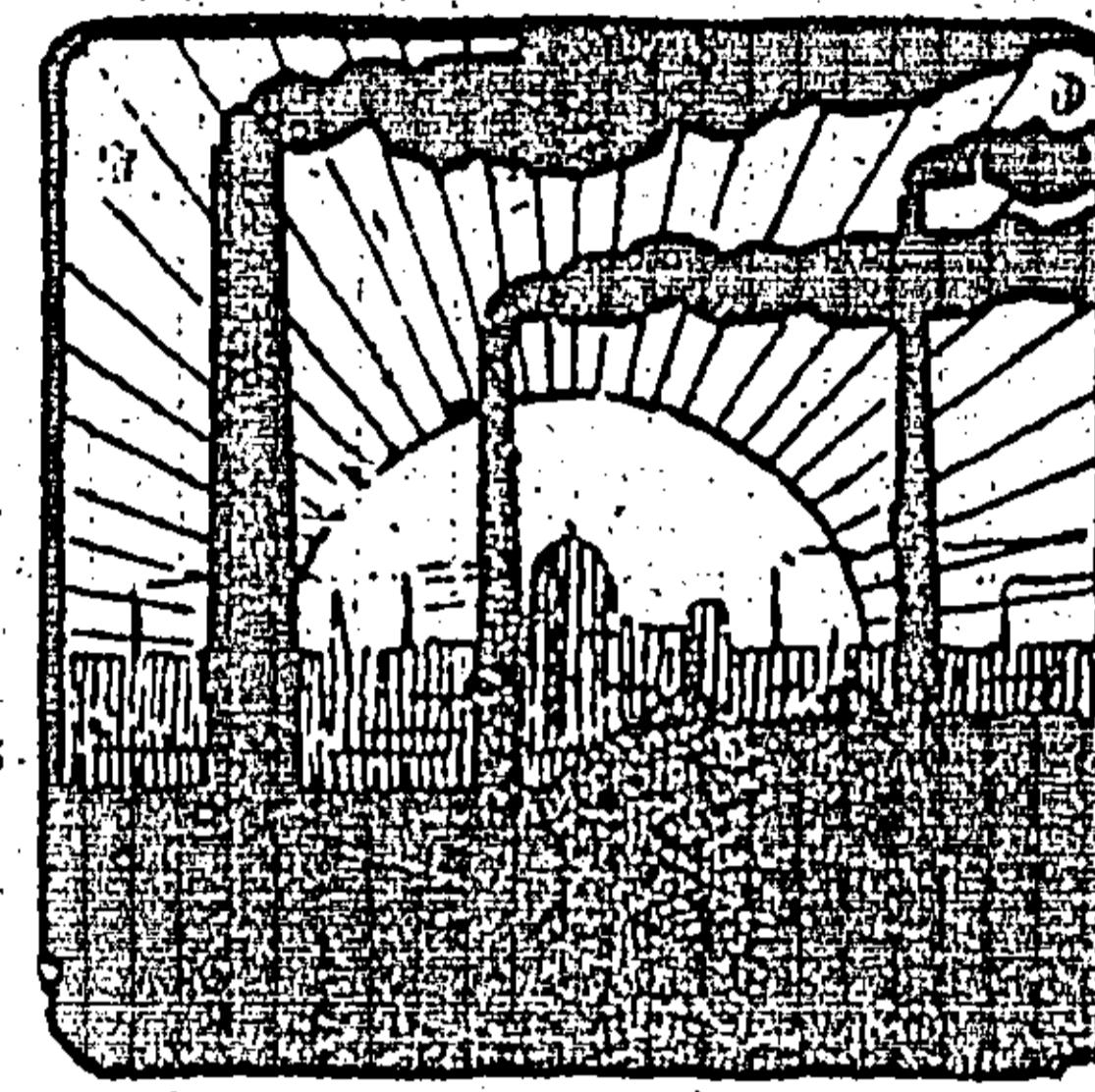
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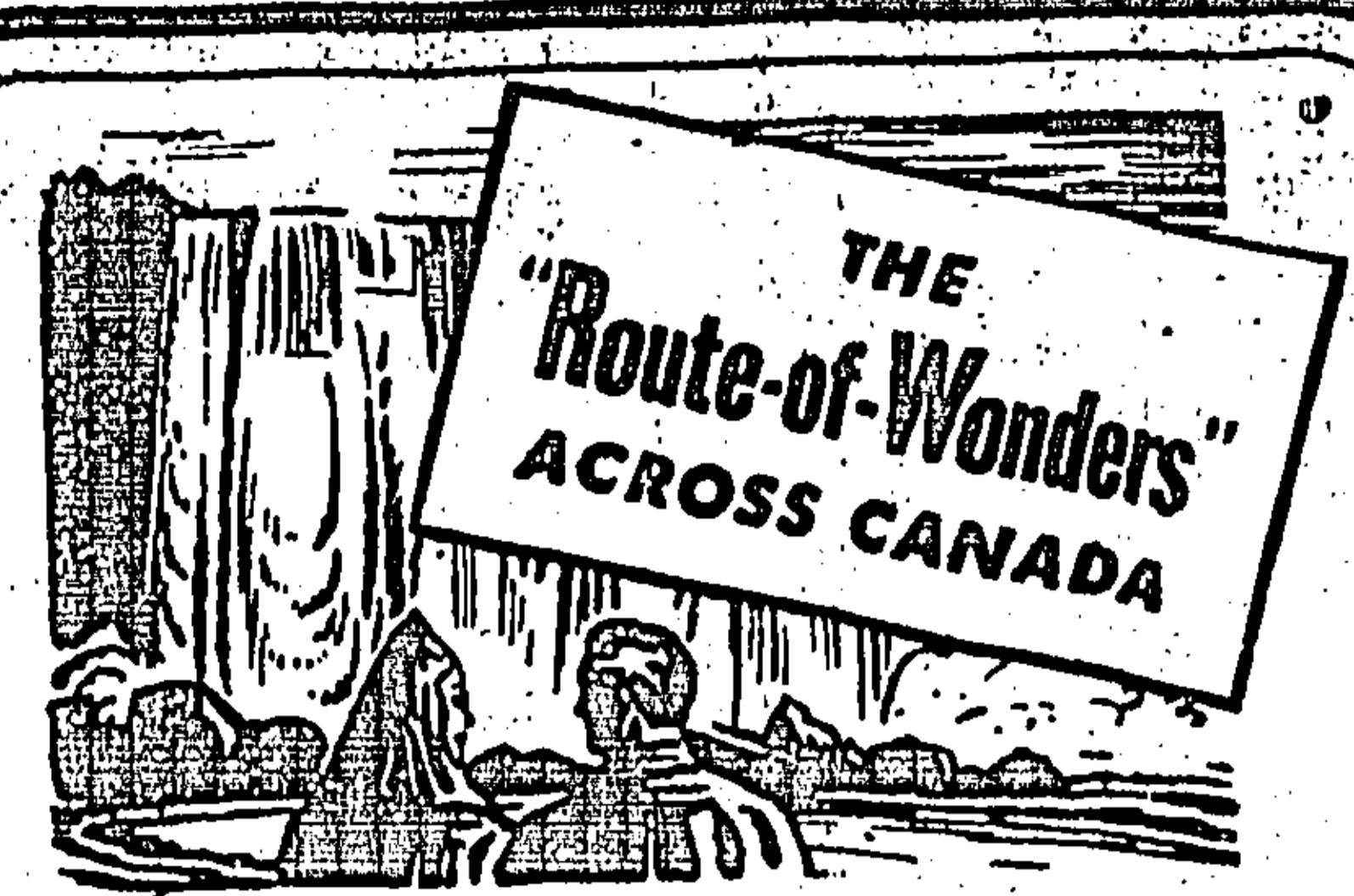
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1.45 p.m.—John McCormack (Tenor) and the London Palladium Orchestra.

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8.03 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—Stanley Holloway.

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ON HOW TO PLAY SOCCER

By "Referee"

In first class football, successful wing play depends upon a variety of intelligent, planned movements to outwit and baffle the opposing defence. It is wrong to think mere speed on the part of the wing-man is the only essential to success. A smart turn of speed at the psychological moment is vital in raiding, but speed without effective ball-control is useless. It is not the picturesque runner on the wing who makes for success, but what that player with his speed can do to initiate movements that bring goals to his side.

In the first place, to be successful at wing play, one has to make a study of the fine art of raiding; not rushing down the touchline with the opposing wing-half in full cry, but a deliberate movement to draw off the defence in your direction and allowing the inside-forwards the chance of taking up a scoring position.

All this has to be sized-up when on the run down the wing, and if one's anticipation is not justified, and the opposing defence refuse to lose their positions of control over the other forwards, then it is a matter of ball-control, a dead stop, and a direct move towards the centre position, leaving the inside man to take one's place hoping the wing-half will be decoyed from his position. It often happens in a manoeuvre of this type that the wing man finds himself temporary centre-forward, and heading direct for goal. Should his movement succeed and the defence immediately give chase, a deft touch of the ball at the right moment is given to the opposite unmarked wing player who has anticipated the movement and taken up a scoring position. The opposing defence has been baffled in two ways by over-concentration on the raiding wing player and the inside-forwards in the anxious moments of defence, and by neglecting to watch the opposite wing player positioning to shoot for goal.

Ball Control Vital To Wingers

Ball-control is the vital essential in successful wing play. Without it no dangerous move can be executed. This does not only mean the ability to gather a ball quickly, but absolute control of the ball in passing. Often it happens that too vigorous kicking on the part of a wing player will spoil the positioning of the inside-forwards.

Kicking too hard or too high only results in wasted movements. This is usually noticeable in the corner kick. It looks the easiest thing in the world for the wing player to kick from the corner into the goal mouth. It is easy to kick the ball that distance, but control is necessary to judge the height and speed of the ball and the place where it should drop among the opposing players in the goal mouth. The winger should always try to place the corner kick so that the ball falls near the penalty spot, twelve yards from the goal line.

The advantage gained in this corner kicking is two-fold; it is too far for the goalkeeper to rush out to save, and near enough for the defence to crowd and unsight him. In the mix-up which follows at such a dangerous distance from the goal, there is always the possibility of an inside-forward or half-back scoring a goal. The same thing happens in kicking from a position very near the corner on the goal-line. Raise the ball so that it will drop in the goal mouth some yards out of reach of the goal-keeper, and at the same time giving the inside-forwards a chance of heading a goal.

A Wing Has To Be Cunning And Cautious

When up against a strong and planned defence the wing man, especially if the play keeps in mid-field, has to be cunning and cautious in all his movements. It may be a question of using all the known arts and science of the game and even then failing to make an impression on stalwart defenders. Then it becomes a question either of a solo race for goal at the least chance, or exploiting the long-passing game and trying to wear down and outmanoeuvre the opposition. The former is often successful, but the latter course needs to be executed with great care or else, as a reactionary measure, the defence will play the "off-side" rule against the opposite winger. It is again a question of ball-control and the angle at which the ball is passed across the field.

The successful wing player is also completely in harmony with the play of his immediate inside man and the supporting wing-half-back, and on occasions, especially in attack, he might have to exchange place with either one of them at a moment's notice. He should know and judge to a foot just where to pass the ball, to the side-forward or supporting half-back.

There is much in this triangular play leading to ultimate success, especially as it makes for progress goalwards, and is almost certain to entangle the opposing defence. The danger of such play is inaccurate backward passing, the least misplacement of a backward passed ball might mean it going to an opposing forward who would have the chance of dashing away as the defence would be well-up the field supporting the attack.

Strategists Of A Team In Many Respects

Is it the wing player's job to score goals? Certainly, if he has the chance which is rare. His play should lead up to goal-getting. From his play, more so than from any other member of the team, are goals supposed to come. His craft is feeding the inside-forwards with deft, accurate passes, and seeing they are in scoring position before he parts with the ball and placing it on the right side of the opposing backs so that they are always "on-side" in play. His work is also "forcing" corners, thus creating a chance of scoring from the scramble in front of goal resulting from an accurately placed kick.

The successful wing player is the advancing raider of his team's attack. Upon him depends much of the ultimate success of

BOWLING ALLEY NOTINGS

By "STRIKE"

A. VASKO, veteran Duck Pin Bowler of U.S.A. Tulsa bagged a brilliant 156 last Thursday. His score sheet showed that he made five spares on his third, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth frames, and then struck out with three beautiful strikes in succession (almost a ten pins score). I believe the best of three strikes in a row has only been accomplished three times before in these Alleys.

However, 156 is not the record for the Alleys. Mrs. E. Soong holds the record with 168 established in March, 1930. Corp. H. Blount of the Royal Corps of Signals being next best with 148 made last month, and Spr. J. R. Fawcett third with 157 made in November, 1930.

On the same day a keen five game Duck Pins match was played between Tulsa and a representative team from the Alleys. This match resulted in a win for Tulsa by 159 pins. Following were the results:

U.S.A. Tulsa	Alley Team
K. E. Bellor	H. Blount
518	500
J. E. Vasko	S. H. Neate
499	487
O. F. Drewes	T. W. Wright
496	429
A. A. Borg	S. H. Ismail
484	412

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Bellor, for Tulsa, was the star bowler of this match. He made a very useful 512 or an average of almost 104 pins per game, and also netted three good scores of over 100, a 103 on his second game, 118 on his third game and a 104 on his fourth game.

Blount, for the Alley Team, was second top scorer with 500, but registered only one score of 100 or over, a 129 on his fourth game, this being the highest individual score of the match.

Vasko, for Tulsa, was also down on his usual efforts in match games, he was very close behind Blount with 499 in his bag, another pin would have made him exactly 500 pins.

A Close Tussle

S. H. Neate, for Alley Team, O. F. Drewes and A. A. Borg for Tulsa were almost neck and neck as far as scoring was concerned. Neate netting 487, Drewes 486 and Borg 484. Wright, for Alley Team, who has been bowling good Duck Pins in match games lately, was well below his usual form, and only scored 429. Ismail for the Alley Team, was also below form and only scored 412.

The average score per player per game for Tulsa worked out at 99.35 pins per game, while that of the Alley Team was 91.4 pins per game.

We were treated to rather an impromptu two game Ten Pin match on Friday last, the match was between four Midshipmen and four Naval Ratings.

The Middies had never played the game before and as could only be expected they lost to their more experienced opponents by 110 pins. The scoring, all round, was not brilliant but this was made up by the spirit of camaraderie and good sportsmanship between the two teams. The individual scores were as follows:

Naval Ratings	Middle
Chandler	K. M. Tear
244	327
Williamson	P. Murray-Jones
226	200
Murphy	J. G. Roe
222	142
Cowper	A. C. O'Riordan
105	168

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Chandler Outstanding

Chandler, for Naval Ratings, was top scorer with 244. This was followed very closely by Midshipman Tear with 227. He might have done better had he not made a lowly 98 in his second game. There was very little between Williamson, Murphy and Cowper for the Ratings. Williamson scored 226 and incidentally had the highest individual score of the match. He made 181 on his first

game; his speed, his accurate ball-control, his deft centring and well-timed passing, his genius in attempting to draw the defence to gain time for his inside-forwards to position for goal-scoring, and his initiative and courageous boldness in a solo effort when he sees the inside men are far too well-marked, make him the strategist of the team. Successful wing play in modern football is responsible for many well-merited victories.

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This is the second of a series of four articles, which will be published as space permits.

PICKET

TAMAR EASILY BEAT GUNNERS

At Sookunpoo yesterday H.M.S. Tamor beat 6th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery, by 105 runs in a friendly game.

Going in first, Tamor lost their first wicket before a run was scored, but Whiteside and West put on 94 runs before Whiteside was bowled by Humphries for 32 which included four boundaries. West, who was then joined by Perkins, was bowled by Martin before there was any addition to the score.

West had scored 47 runs during which he found the ropes on

the occasions.

Boyes quickly knocked up 42

not out, thanks to five boundaries.

Only Captain Ingram for Artillery, was comfortable against the bowling of West and Allison. Ingram, opened the innings and stayed until the fall of the seventh wicket, scoring 39 finding the boundaries five times.

The only other Gunner to reach double figures was Martin with 26 not out.

West in his first two overs took 3 wickets for 5 runs.

H.M.S. TAMAR

Wilson, b Barsby	0
Whiteside, b Humphries	32
West, b Martin	47
Perkins, st. McCadden, b	
Dobbins	22
Brown, l.b.w., b Barsby	4
Honeywell, b Dobbins	19
Roughley, c and b Morgan	13
Allison, b Barsby	1
Hopkins, not out	18
Horgan, c Lawton, b Martin	4
Boyes not out	24
Extras (LB9, B14)	23
Total (for 9 wkt. dec.)	202
Bowling Analysis	
O. M. R. W.	
Barsby	9 0 56 3
Dobbins	3 0 57 2
Martin	5 0 26 2
Humphries	3 0 13 1
Morgan	2 0 17 1
Perkins	1 0 10 0

5TH A.A.R.A.	
Ingram, c. Perkins, b Brown	39
Dobbins, b West	0
Sidders, b West	1
Barsby, c Horgan, b Allison	0
Morgan, st. Hopkins, b Allison	6
Humphreys, c Honeywell, b Allison	9
McCadden, c Brown, b West	0
Martin, not out	1
Saunders, b Brown	0
Lawton, b Roughley	0
Kew, b West	7
Extras (B6, LB3)	9
Total	97
Bowling Analysis	
O. M. R. W.	
West	7 0 28 5
Allison	4 0 23 2
Brown	4 1 17 2
Horgan	2 0 20 0
Roughley	1 0 0 0

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Barney, Abbas, A. Bakar, Pinky P.

da, M. B. Hassan, A. R. Marker, Al-

fred Abbas and A. M. Omr.

INDIANS

A. K. Omar (Capt.), S. Hamid, A.

H. Ismail, A. R. Abbas, K. Nazarim,

O. el. Arculli, Buckley, Kitchell, M. el.

Arculli, A. B. Hassan and L. Ali.

AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

ANYONE'S RACE

Eve Of Harvest Seems Logical Choice

O-Lan Will Offer Strong Challenge: Burford And Clember Also In The Hunt

By "Rapier"

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING, TO BE HELD TO-MORROW AT THE VALLEY, WILL RING DOWN THE CURTAIN ON THE 1940 RACING SEASON OF HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. WITH THE COMPLETION OF TO-MORROW'S MEETING IT WILL MEAN THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR OF MOST ENJOYABLE RACING, AND I ANTICIPATE THAT, WITH THE FINE WEATHER NOW PREVAILING, A RECORD CROWD WILL PROBABLY TURN OUT TO WITNESS THE TERMINATION OF THE RACING YEAR.

The two Autumn Champions will form the main attraction in a programme of eight events, and keen racing should be the order of the day. Entries in connection with the two Champions events are post entries, so much so that likely starters are not known, and my comments are, therefore, based on the presumption that the ponies named will participate.

Messrs. D. Black and L. B. Chao are in the most favourable position, both having scored 29 wins, so that an extra win for either will make all the difference. Next comes Mr. P. Y. T. Wei, who has 24 wins to his credit. It will be seen, therefore, that a very close race for honours will ensue.

RACE NO. 1—TARDY HANDICAP: ONE MILE

The first race of the day is confined to "B" Class China ponies that have started at least two Extra Meetings during 1940, with winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred. With only five entries in this race, I don't think that, judging on past performances, I shall be far wrong in stating that the finish will be fought out between Humdrum Eve (Mr. P. P. Botelho), Kentucky (Mr. C. F. Chiu),

Lilliber (Mr. Chao).

Humdrum Eve, since winning the Mount Davis Handicap over this distance in 1.55.0, has not been in the picture for a long time, but should it produce the same form as when it won the above race it should have a big say at the finish. Kentucky has only appeared twice in racing, the first time being when it won the Norfolk Handicap (First Section) for "C" Class ponies under Mr. Chiu Ki-fan. It won so comfortably that it was immediately promoted to "B" Class, and although it ran un-

placed at the last meeting, in the St. Andrew's Stakes over 1½ miles, I am going to select it for a win.

There is Lilliber, however, to be considered. It was second to Conquering Time in the Sussex Handicap, when it lost by a short head over six furlongs.

Taking every factor into consideration, however, I think Kentucky should win with Lilliber second and Humdrum Eve third.

RACE NO. 2—LAST CHANCE HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This event is confined to "C" Class China ponies that have started at least two Extra Meetings during 1940, with winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred.

Attacking Time (Mr. Wei) and Rob Roy (Mr. P. P. Botelho) have been allotted top weight of 168 lb. The latter was placed third behind Blue Gate in the Copshawholm Handicap (First Section) over 1½ miles and carrying the same weight and, despite this heavy burden, I think its chance of winning is rather bright in view of the shorter distance.

Jane Doe (Mr. S. W. Tang), surprise winner of the Copshawholm Handicap (Second Section), has been penalised 11 lb., but it

has a chance of repeating its previous success, provided Mr. Tang adopts the same tactics.

Blue Field (Mr. Black) has had its weight reduced 10 lb., thus making it a dangerous contender, judging on its last performance, when it came third to Jane Doe.

Emergency Unit, which will again be ridden by S. W. Lee, will have an allowance of 5 lb. and, with only 135 lb. to handle, it is quite capable of causing an upset, and is worth \$5 each way.

Taxing Master (Mr. Tao), which was fourth behind Rob Roy, should do better in view of the shorter distance and can be relied on to give the above ponies a good fight.

Po'entate (Mr. Poy) is running at weight per inches, and should it strike some of its old form it should be near at the finish.

Rob Roy should win with Blue Field second and Jane Doe third.

RACE NO. 3—DILATORY HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This race is for "B" Class Australian Subscription ponies that have started at least two Extra Meetings during 1940, with winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred.

Triumphant Day, ridden by Mr. Sung, came in second to Piccadilly Jim in the Canobie Lea Handicap over two miles, and it has been penalised 1 lb. It will be taken out to-morrow by Mr. Tao, its original jockey, and will probably be in big demand in view of its last performance.

Devonian (Mr. Hearne), after its defeat at the hands of the above pony with Mr. Black up at the last meeting, will probably find the mile to its liking and stands a very good chance of redeeming itself by winning this race.

Crifel (Mr. Black), winner of the New Bridge Handicap (about half a mile 155 yards) should not be disregarded as this pony is good enough to win again.

Tornado Star, which ran unplaced with Mr. Hearne up in the above race against Triumphant Day, will have a change of jockey in Mr. Craven but, judging by its run, it can be left alone. Vixen Tor, if taken out by a strong jockey, should be well up in view of its light weight of 142 lb.

A Great Time (Mr. Wei) has not done anything of note as yet, and may spring a surprise when least expected.

I expect Devonian to win with Triumphant Day second and Crifel third.

RACE NO. 4—HONG KONG CHAMPIONS: 1½ MILES

This is the first Champions race of the afternoon and is confined to China ponies that have started in at least two Extra meetings since January 1, 1940, winners at Extra meetings of this Club 1940 only, and weight for inches as per scale.

For this classic, I believe Mr. T. K. Li will be represented by Confusion Bay (Mr. Sung) and O-Lan (Mr. Needa). Other entries will probably include Burford (Mr. Black), Eve of Harvest (Mr. Davis), Clember (Mr. Chao) and Craigavon (Mr. Wei).

The obvious choice seems to be Eve of Harvest, owing to its win in the October Handicap over this distance with Mr. Black up. O-Lan, however, must not be disregarded as Mr. Needa handles this pony perfectly, and I honestly believe that it has more than an outside chance. On the other hand, there are Burford, the champion, and Clember both to be reckoned with, although they suffered leg trouble during the Summer recess. They are now well tuned up for this great race, however, and should give the above two ponies a great battle.

Regarding Confusion Bay and Craigavon, I am afraid they can be left alone. A great race should ensue, with the result in doubt up to the very end.

RACE NO. 5—LAGGARD'S HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," in which "C" Class Australian Subscription ponies that have started in at least two Extra Meetings during 1940, with winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred, will figure.

Venus Bay (Mr. Needa) has again been given top weight of 165 lb. and, in view of its last two disappointing runs, when it came in third in the Newcastle Handicap and then ran unplaced in the

Langholm Handicap, both sprint events and for which it was made hot favourite, I don't know what to think of this pony, but in my estimation it should have no difficulty to-morrow in redeeming its past failures even with that burden. Should it fail again, however, I look to Warrego River (Mr. Black), which was third in the Queensland Handicap, to win this race.

There is also Cockleroi (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), which has been a source of disappointment to its owner lately, but it may be worth following for a place, if not a win.

Bredon (Mr. Chattey), if it can be held back over the first half, should have a say in the finish, but otherwise I cannot see it winning.

My nomination is Venus Bay for first position, with Warrego River second and Cockleroi third.

RACE NO. 6—QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONS: 1½ MILES

This is the second Champions race of the afternoon and is confined to Australian Subscription ponies of any season that have started at least two Extra Meetings since January 1, 1940, winners at Extra Meetings of 1940 only.

I expect to see the following facing the starter:

Sapper (Mr. Davis),
Far View (Mr. P. P. Botelho),
Baffin Bay (Mr. Needa),

Viceroy (Mr. Black),
Amicus Curiae (Mr. Chao),
Lancashire Chips (Mr. Wei).

In view of the easy manner in which Sapper won the Fremantle St. Leger, there is no shadow of doubt that it will win.

The only pony capable of extending Mrs. Grasset's pony is Baffin Bay, belonging to Mr. T. K. Li, which at the last meeting just scraped home to the Jedward Handicap by beating Lancashire Chips (Mr. Treverton up) by a short head and so qualified for this race.

This pony defeated Sapper in the Australian Ponies' Champions by two lengths, when Messrs. Hearne and Encarnacao were the two respective jockeys, and although it qualified so late, it does not mean that it is not good enough to win.

Far View made a very poor show in the Fremantle St. Leger, running unplaced, and unless it can produce some of its old form to-morrow over this shorter distance it will probably be unplaced again.

Viceroy, conqueror of Baffin Bay in the New South Wales Handicap over the two mile post distance, has been nursed to concert pitch for this race but, although it has the service of the potential 1940 champion jockey, I doubt if it can do better than place.

Amicus Curiae, which is noted as a long distance racer, has been improving over medium distances so much so that I think it will give the above ponies a good fight in this race.

Lancashire Chips has also shown that it is dependable for places and may pop up again for a place to-morrow.

I nominate Sapper to win, with Baffin Bay second and Viceroy third.

RACE NO. 7—LINGERER'S HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and will be contested by "D" Class Australian Subscription ponies that have started in at least two Extra Meetings during 1940, with winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred.

Although it would appear that the winner could be selected from only a few of the entries, I doubt whether picking the ultimate winner will be easy after all.

Quick Despatch (Mr. Black) was second to Maple Star officially in the Linkumdoddie Handicap, a Novice race in which Mr. Cooper was the rider, and for that reason it has been asked to carry another 5 lb., but this should not handicap its chances at all.

It stands a very good chance of annexing this race.

Roofly has gone up 3 lb. in weight and, as it will be taken out by Mr. Needa, it will give the above pony a good run for first position.

Rising Star (Mr. Chang) has come down in weight by 2 lb. since its last run, when it ran unplaced and, with the distance 161 yards shorter, it should be well up at the finish.

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GRAZIANI'S ARMIES RECEIVE MORTAL BLOW

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AN ACCEPTABLE CHRISTMAS PRESENT

General Smuts, the South African Premier, according to press messages, has sent the following message to General Wavell: "Hearty congratulations on your brilliant success in the Western Desert — a n acceptable Christmas box and a fine augury for the future of Middle East campaigns." — British Wireless.

GREEKS SMASH COUNTER-ATTACKS

(Continued from Page 1) Developments in the campaign may greatly depend is reported to have been encircled by three Greek columns as the result of speedy action by the Greeks during the past 36 hours.

The Italians have strenuously counter-attacked in the centre sector of the front but, according to the Greek spokesman, the extent of their successes can be measured by their own radio statement that they took three prisoners in these engagements.

Confusion In Back Areas

On the northern front snow is

Grim Choice Before Mussolini

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE CRUSHING BLOWS INFILCTED ON MUSSOLINI'S ARMIES IN AFRICA ARE CAL- CULATED TO HAVE AN ALMOST DECISIVE EFFECT UPON THE COURSE OF THE WAR.

The Italian fleet must now either accept battle or the Duce's legionaries in North Africa can be considered lost.

Their offensive power has been destroyed at one fell blow while the menace to the Nile Valley no longer exists.

The effects of the Italian defeat will be felt politically not only in Europe but all over the East.

Japan must now have cause to reconsider her hasty action in joining the Tri-Partite Pact.

reported to be over three feet deep and in this sector the Greek advance has been slowed up.

Greek successes here are regarded as satisfactory in view of the fact that the Italians flung in most of their latest reinforcements in this sector.

Recently captured prisoners confirm reports of confusion in back areas behind the Italian front and, according to these prisoners, entire Italian units are out of touch with the Italian Higher Command.—Reuter.

Even assuming that violent domestic reactions do not upset the Faustian regime, it is unlikely the Duce will get much help from Germany, and Japanese aid can be ruled out. Indeed, the question may arise whether the Pact holds if one of the parties collapses?

The effect of the Italian reverses will be most inspiring in the Balkans.

New Spirit

The Greeks will be encouraged to further acts of valour and the extent of the help Britain is able to give may be increased, while Yugoslavia's hands will be strengthened, the "wisdom" of Turkish policy justified and Axis propaganda in Bulgaria will suffer a severe setback.

The many friends of Britain in France will derive fresh hope and encouragement from this British victory.

It will increase France's value in German eyes but will make Laval's policy more unpopular and distasteful among French people in general and the Army in particular.—Reuter.

Kent Air Battle

Four British fighters shot down three German aircraft yesterday morning when small formations of enemy fighters and fighter-bombers crossed the Kent coast flying towards London.

The raiders dropped a small number of bombs on the outskirts of the London area, the Air Ministry announces.

The bombs did little damage and caused only a few casualties.

One German bomber was also shot down off the southwest coast yesterday morning, and one was destroyed during Wednesday night.

In all these operations British fighters suffered no loss.—Reuter.

CIVIL DEFENCE ENTHUSIASM

The work of the Civil Defence Services has been an inspiration to the young people of Britain and they are anxious to prepare themselves to undertake such duties as are laid before them.

The Home Secretary, replying to a Parliamentary question yesterday, stated that Civil Defence cadet units had been formed in Liverpool and other parts of the country. He welcomed the formation of these units, he said, as encouraging the spirit of neighbourly cooperation.—British Wireless.

STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ankara radio, states an International News Service message received in Hong Kong this morning, last night reported that British troops have already occupied Sollum, the last Italian base on the Egyptian coast.

In order to make up time on the homeward trip, the "California Clipper" will arrive Hong Kong to-morrow morning, December 14, at approximately 10.30 a.m., departing again for Manila at 12.00 noon. The Hong Kong General Post Office advises that registered mails will close at the General Post Office at 8.00 a.m. to-morrow morning, while regular mails will close at 8.30 a.m. The "California Clipper" is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco on December 21.



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HEADLONG RETREAT OF ITALIANS REPORTED

DUKE OF WINDSOR Speculation In Washington

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The United States Government last night made ready an American warship to return the body of Lord Lothian for burial in his war-scarred native England.

The offer of a U.S. Navy vessel for the funeral voyage came without hesitation shortly after President Roosevelt was notified of the Ambassador's sudden death.

Officials minimise any possibility of an attack on the United States warship in the war zone and pointed out that the procedure is customary when foreign diplomats die in America.

Duke Of Windsor Speculation

Meanwhile speculation is rife concerning Lord Lothian's successor.

Mention was immediately made of the Duke of Windsor.

Well known and with a large following in the United States, it was held that the Duke and his wife would fit well in the delicate job of increasing United States sentiment and action on behalf of embattled England. — International News Service.

British Command Swift To Exploit Sidi Barrani Coup

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent In The Western Desert)

THE BRITISH OFFENSIVE IN THE WESTERN DESERT OF EGYPT IS DEVELOPING SO FAST THAT RUMOURS OF A HEADLONG ITALIAN RETREAT ARE CIRCULATING IN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA.

It is realised that the communiques from British General Headquarters tend to minimise our successes rather than make claims until they have been confirmed beyond doubt.

It is thus reasonable to suppose that the figure of 20,000 prisoners given in the latest communiqué is an under-estimate.

The speed of the offensive has meant that communiques have hardly been issued before a fresh important advance and captures are taking place.

It will be days before the exact number of prisoners, guns and tanks taken will be known.

AS THE PICTURE OF THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE OFFENSIVE IS GRADUALLY FITTED TOGETHER AT G.H.Q. FROM REPORTS ARRIVING FROM THE DESERT FRONT, IT BECOMES EVIDENT THAT THE MIDDLE EAST COMMAND, WITH A BRILLIANT PIECE OF STRATEGY PLANNED FOR MANY WEEKS, HAS DELIVERED A BLOW AGAINST THE ITALIANS THAT MAY ROCK THE FOUNDATIONS AND TOPPLE THE EDIFICE OF THE FASCIST EMPIRE.

There is already general speculation in Cairo in regard to whether the Italians will have to relinquish their hold on Abyssinia.

East African Shock

For months Italian morale in East Africa has been bolstered up by the empty assurance that Mussolini's army was ready to march to the Nile Delta at any moment and open up the Suez Canal.

But if the British offensive continues as satisfactorily as at present, the Italian army in Abyssinia, it is suggested, may throw up the sponge because of pressure being exerted by British forces already hammering at the frontier.

Details of the operations which enabled British motorised divisions to penetrate to the coast and cut off the Italian forces in the Sidi Barrani area were revealed last night.

Harassing Tactics

From the moment in September when Marshal Graziani's troops reached Sidi Barrani, a famous mechanised regiment was given special instructions to harass the enemy at a specified point and prevent them from completing the line of camps stretching from the coast to their southernmost camp.

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THREE DIVISIONS ERASED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Italy's last remaining base on the Egyptian coast, the fortified town of Sollum, is threatened with imminent capture by swift-striking British desert troops which are pressing on the heels and flanks of the headlong Italian retreat.

The Turkish radio in Ankara last night reported that British troops have already occupied Sollum.

It was announced in Cairo that more than 20,000 Italians have been taken prisoner and three entire Fascist army divisions, comprising between 35,000 and 51,000 officers and men, have been erased from the field of action by the four-day British blitzkrieg.

Under constant harassing by British naval shells, air bombs and machine-gun fire, thousands of Italians are stampeding west and south from Bug, Bug and International News Service.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of cold and two distinct preservation processes.

Three separate compartments in the new unit provide three types of cold. One, a dry air compartment, serves to maintain freshness of such foods as butter, milk and berries. A second compartment is designed for cooked meats and fresh vegetables, retaining most of their original flavour and life-giving vitamins. This third compartment is powerfully air for quick freezing purposes designed for frozen foods and desserts.

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ARMIES BATTLE IN SWIRLING BLIZZARD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

UNDER SWIRLING blizzards Greek troops wearing white capes to make them invisible against a blanket of five feet of snow are reported to have shattered repeated Italian counter-attacks on the mountainous northern front in Albania.

Concurrent Fascist counter-attacks of less violence in the central and southern sectors are also reported to have been thrown back, permitting the bayonet-charging Greeks to advance further in drives against Tepelina, Chimali and Valona.

Reinforced Italian Alpine troops launched a very heavy counter-attack in the northern zone west of Podgorietz in desperate at-

tempts to stem the triple-pronged Greek push which threatens to engulf the vital central Fascist base of Elbasan and open a path to Tirana, the Albanian capital, 33 miles further north. — International News Service.

WEATHER FORECAST.—North-east winds, moderate; fine generally.

Italian 'Planes And Hangars Left As Shattered Wrecks

Air Force Part In Triumph: Troops In High Spirits

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Army of the Nile)

DESPITE DAYS OF GRUELING FIGHTING — SOME OF WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THICK SANDSTORMS — THE ADVANCE BRITISH TROOPS ARE NOW IN THE HIGHEST SPIRITS, JUBILANT AT THE SUCCESSES ACHIEVED AFTER MONTHS OF WAITING.

It is now possible to give a detailed account of the course of the action, outstanding feature of which has been the clockwork co-ordination of the activities of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The British advance against the Italians has been similar in method to the German advance in France. They have executed a swift extensive flanking movement, encircling one enemy position after another.

The Air Force concentrated on striking base, was probably the keeping Italian bombers and fighters out of the air by incessantly bombing and machine-gunning aerodromes.

The dull monotonous booming of the guns of the British Fleet many miles away is clearly audible here. The warships are pounding Italian coastal positions.

Bitter And Ruthless.

The battle for Sidi Barrani has been bitter and ruthless.

Eventual outcome of the present operations is impossible to forecast because of the rapidity with which the situation is changing.

But the positive balance already achieved by the British is, as one officer expressed it, the capture of "many prisoners" together with huge quantities of war materials, most of which are in excellent condition.

Artillery, infantry, armoured forces and the Navy all contributed to the 12-hour bombardment of Sidi Barrani, while the R.A.F. part was to bomb it for 16 hours, almost continuously on Monday.

Black Shirts Fight Hard

Severe casualties were inflicted on the Black Shirt divisions, nevertheless they offered fierce resistance to the British onslaughts.

Despite a dust storm which persisted throughout Wednesday, making parts of the desert, including aerodromes, look like London in a pea-soup fog, the R.A.F. flew out unceasingly on their harassing tasks.

At times, returning bombers were unable to see their aerodromes and were forced to land on emergency ones elsewhere. Their bombardment of Benina, which is the Italian advanced air

Road Cut

The successful operations by the Army of the Nile, which have been received with acclamation by free peoples all over the world, and which, as the Prime Minister told the Commons, had "cut through the principal road, by which the main body of the Italian army which invaded Egypt could effect a retreat," have been the result of close cooperation between the Navy, Army and Air Force.

The retreating Italians are being continually harassed by bombardment from the sea and air and news from R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters received yesterday shows intense activity throughout Wednesday.

Both bombers and fighters supported the Army's offensive, attacking enemy troops concentrations and bombing an enemy advanced aerodrome.

Several tons of bombs were dropped on Sollum while enemy landing grounds at Gambut, Azeiz, Menastir, El Adem, El Gubbi, Derna, Tmimi and El Gazala were bombed during the day and a number of enemy aircraft dispersed on the ground destroyed.

Six Shot Down

Full details of these raids are, however, not yet available.

Our fighters brought down six enemy aircraft in combat and it is probable two more shared the same fate.

One squadron accounted for four and two "possibles." These

Eton College Attacked

Eton College, most famous of English schools, which was founded 500 years ago by Henry VI, twice in recent weeks has been the victim of enemy bombers.

In the first raid, over 200 incendiaries were dropped on the College, six buildings of which were set on fire. The school A.R.P. staff extinguished the fires.

In the second raid two high explosive bombs which fell on the College damaged historical buildings, including the Upper School and College Chapel. — Reuter.

GERMAN MIGRATION

NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING BETWEEN GERMANY AND RUSSIA FOR THE REPATRIATION OF THE REMAINING GERMANS IN THE BALTIc STATES. ACCORDING TO A STOCKHOLM DESPATCH TO THE FREE FRENCH AGENCY IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Fifty thousand Germans in Lithuania and 10,000 in Estonia and Latvia were unable to return to Germany last year, the despatch adds. — Reuter.

were one S79, three CR42's and two Bredas. One unidentified machine was destroyed on the ground.

It is satisfactory to note that throughout these intensive operations, continuing for 24 hours, only one R.A.F. machine failed to return.

One aircraft reported missing on December 10 has now returned safely to base. — British Wireless.

SUBSIDY FOR SHEEP FARMERS

Hill sheep farmers in the United Kingdom are to receive a special subsidy supplement in this year's returns, it was announced in the Commons yesterday by Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister for Scotland. The subsidy will be half a crown in respect of each breeding ewe. — Reuter.

GOOD SENTIMENT ON STOCK MARKET

The capture of Sidi Barrani created a good sentiment on the London Stock Exchange yesterday but apart from a few instances business was small. Kaffirs, especially smaller priced issues, were popular among local operators and oils were again in the limelight. Anglo-Iranians advanced over 3/- to 40/- Industrial generally were steady. Sudan plantations, however, were in demand and shares improved from 23/9 to 25/-. Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

Danes To Build New Hamburg

A large part of the rebuilding of Hamburg may be done by Danes — the German official news agency yesterday mentioned a plan to use Danish architects, engineers and workmen for this purpose.

Successful negotiations are stated to have taken place between the Hamburg and Danish authorities and in the New Year about 1,000 Danish workmen will go to Hamburg.

Twenty-two Danish firms have taken part in the negotiations.

Military targets in the Hamburg area have been the objectives of frequent attacks by the R.A.F. — Reuter.

R.A.F. RETAINS MASTERY OF THE AIR

REPORTS RECEIVED in London last night indicated that over 20,000 Italians have been taken prisoner in the Western Desert so far, and a general retreat seems to be under way, with the British attacking the Fascists in a triple-effort — with land troops on the ground, bombers and machine-guns from the air, and shells from naval guns from the Mediterranean.

Many prisoners, including hundreds of officers and three generals, have been taken all over the theatre of operations, together with much equipment, including guns and tanks.

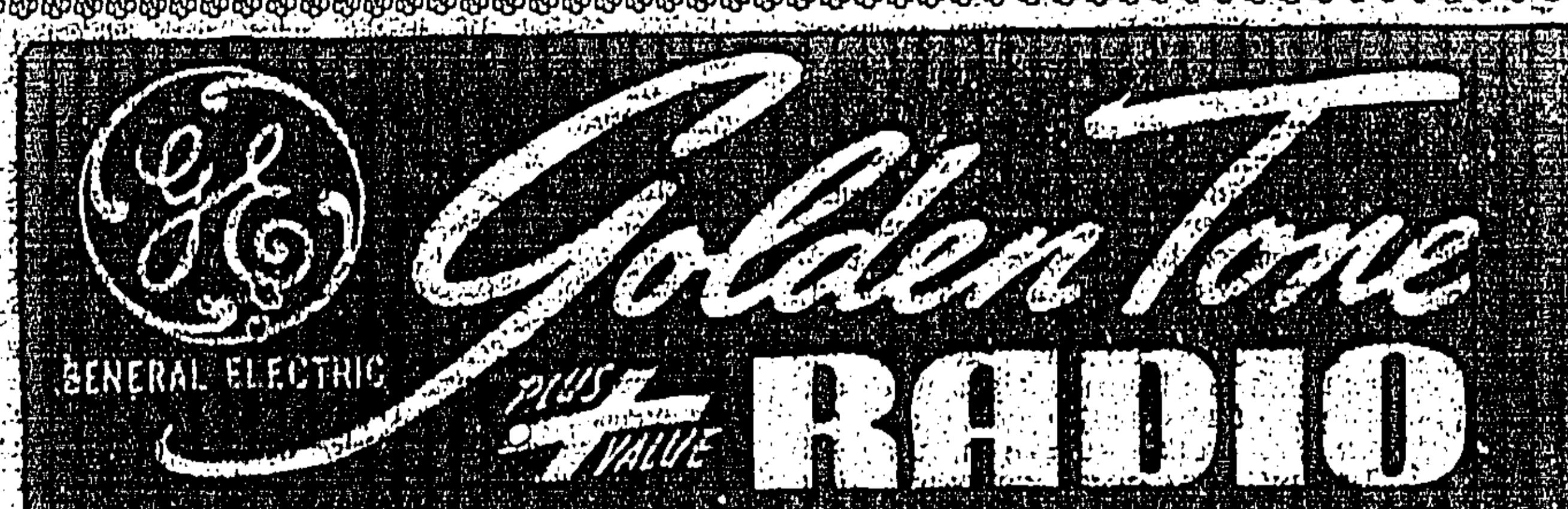
The generals include one Corps Commander and two General Officers Commanding Divisions. These are in addition to the General in charge of a flying column who was killed on Monday.

The R.A.F. is sustaining practically no losses and is maintaining the mastery of the air established on first day of the attack.

Hour by hour, British pilots go out to bring grim destruction down on Graziani's army.

Meanwhile, light and heavy units of the Royal Navy are shelling the Italian line of retreat, including a heavy bombardment of two focal points — Sollum and Bardia.

The Admiralty says that so far these ships have sustained neither damage nor casualties. — Reuter.



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HEAVY LOSS TO THE EMPIRE

Lord Lothian's Sudden Death Causes Deep Shock



Taken at a review of the Home Guard River Patrol on the upper reaches of the Thames at Wargrave, photo shows left to right, Sir Ralph Glynn, M.P., Admiral Sir Basil Brooke (who is Chief Commander of the River Guard), and Vice Admiral W.T. James. (Copyright, Fox).

WRITING ON WALL FOR IL DUCE

The Portuguese are following the British and Greek victories with intense interest; crowds gather in the streets of Lisbon awaiting the issue of evening newspapers and eagerly read the news pasted outside newspaper offices.

There is no departure from the order to maintain neutrality. Before showing war events, cinemas reproduce on the screen a warning against demonstrations of any sort.

An editorial in the "Diario Noticias" headed "When the Gods descend from Olympus" analyses the reasons which prompted Mussolini to embark on the Greek war, "which, apart from immense air-forces, is costing him much of his prestige."

The writer concludes that reasons of a political nature must have urged him far more than strategic reasons.

Il Duce's Temperament

"Mussolini's temperament required that Italy should have her own war, that Italian action should be individual; that Italy should have her own battlefield, her own enemy, her own position. Three or four weeks have placed a lamentable check to the efforts of 18 years of admirable political construction." — Reuter.

TURKEY'S ECONOMIC POWER

"THE ECONOMIC STRENGTH OF TURKEY HAS ASSUMED SUCH A MAGNITUDE THAT IT MAY WELL INFLUENCE THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE WORLD'S STRUGGLE."

So declared the Turkish Prime Minister, Dr. Saydam, speaking on the anniversary of National Economy Week, according to Ankara radio yesterday.

Dr. Saydam pointed out that the struggle between the nations had changed from a military act of fighting pure and simple to a war waged on economic strength.

He continued: "Our position is far superior to that of 1914, both in industry and agriculture, and our financial position is strong."

"We continue to place confidence in the economic power of our country." — Reuter.

JAPANESE TRY TO BOMB MEKONG BRIDGE

Ten Japanese bombers attacked the Burma highway at Mekong bridge early yesterday afternoon. The Chinese authorities report that no damage was caused to the bridge. — Reuter.

GERM OF CIVIL WAR IN FRANCE

"Anyone who thinks that the de Gaulle movement is just a matter of a few rebel generals, knows little of the situation," declared the Paris correspondent of the Madrid newspaper "A" yesterday.

The correspondent continues that General de Gaulle's movement represents considerably more. It gives energy to the germ of civil war which is hatching in France; and which only the German army of occupation foresees."

The correspondent also adds that surprise is expressed in Paris that Generals de Gaulle, Catroux and Legentilhomme only recently have been deprived of French citizenship by the Vichy Government, but notes that Vichy is showing tardy signs of taking serious steps against the de Gaulle Government.

Paris, he says, is discussing a further reshuffle in the Vichy Government, by which Raphael Albert would leave the Cabinet and Pierre Flandin would become Minister of Interior, while Marcel Peyrouton would become a Minister. — Reuter.

PEAK RESIDENCE BURGLED

Mr. L. J. Davies, residing at No. 13, The Peak, was awoken at 3 a.m. yesterday by the barking of his dog. Up he found that a burglar had removed a pane from one of the French windows, and escaped with two glass vases, a fountain-pen and two arm-chair cushions.

Britain's Greatest Ambassador

THE NEWS OF LORD Lothian's death deeply shocked Britain, especially as it was totally unexpected and came while the Ambassador was so much in the public eye as spokesman for the British cause in a country where its advocacy just now is of vital importance to the whole Allied cause.

The news cast a gloom over Members of all parties in Parliament. Many expressed the view that Lord Lothian will be hard to replace, for he won for himself a position of distinctive eminence.

It is understood that Mr. Noel Butler will carry out the duties of Ambassador for the time being.

Lord Lothian's death is an irreparable loss to the British diplomatic service, writes Reuter's chief diplomatic correspondent.

As Ambassador—indeed, Britain's premier Ambassador—he had the courage to cast tradition to the winds and speak openly and freely upon most of the important issues between Britain and the United States.

His first interviews and speeches must have shocked certain quarters where tradition is hallowed and perhaps a little moss-grown.

Frank And Sincere

But his frankness and sincerity have paid in a land which is generous and free in its political outlook.

President Roosevelt has sent a message to the King saying: "I am shocked beyond measure to hear of the sudden passing of my old friend, your Ambassador, Lord Lothian."

"Through nearly a quarter of a century we had come to understand and trust each other. I am very certain that if he had been allowed by Providence to leave a last message he would have told us that the greatest of all efforts to keep Democracy in the world must and will succeed."

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, has sent a message of sympathy to Mr. Winston Churchill, and the United States Government has offered the British Government all facilities at their disposal in connection with Lord Lothian's death.

Some quarters believe an American ship will convey the Ambassador's body across the Atlantic to Britain.

Widespread Tribute

Lord Lothian's death has produced widespread expressions of regret throughout the United States.

Tributes are paid to his "informal friendliness" and to his "Baltimore speech" which is described as "one of the best of his career and a level-headed approach to the international problems of the day."

Lord Lothian was one of the most popular Ambassadors London had ever sent to Washington.

The American press, who previously seldom saw any British Ambassador, took to him from the very beginning.

Every time he visited the White House or the State Department a large crowd of journalists awaited his exit. They were seldom disappointed, for he always spoke as freely as circumstances permitted.

Sympathy is felt on all sides in Washington for the British

SOVIET KEEPS KEEN EYE ON WAR

Soviet interest in the fighting in North Africa was well reflected in the Moscow press yesterday.

The official Communist paper "Pravda" has as two main headlines across the foreign news page: "British offensive in Western Desert," and "Italian retreat in Albania."

British reports of the taking of Sidi Barrani were published at length, with a description of the terrain and an account of how the Italians fortified the Sidi Barrani-Sollum area.

"Pravda" then quoted the "Basler Nachrichten" for the statement that the war in Greece and the attack on Taranto are already having an effect on the Italian army in Libya.

Reports from New York regarding increased American aid for Britain are also prominently published in the Moscow press.

"Trud" concludes a long article in this connection by quoting the New York "Herald-Tribune" as saying that the intensification of the struggle between Britain and Germany only increases the vital interest of the United States in the survival of Britain. — Reuter.

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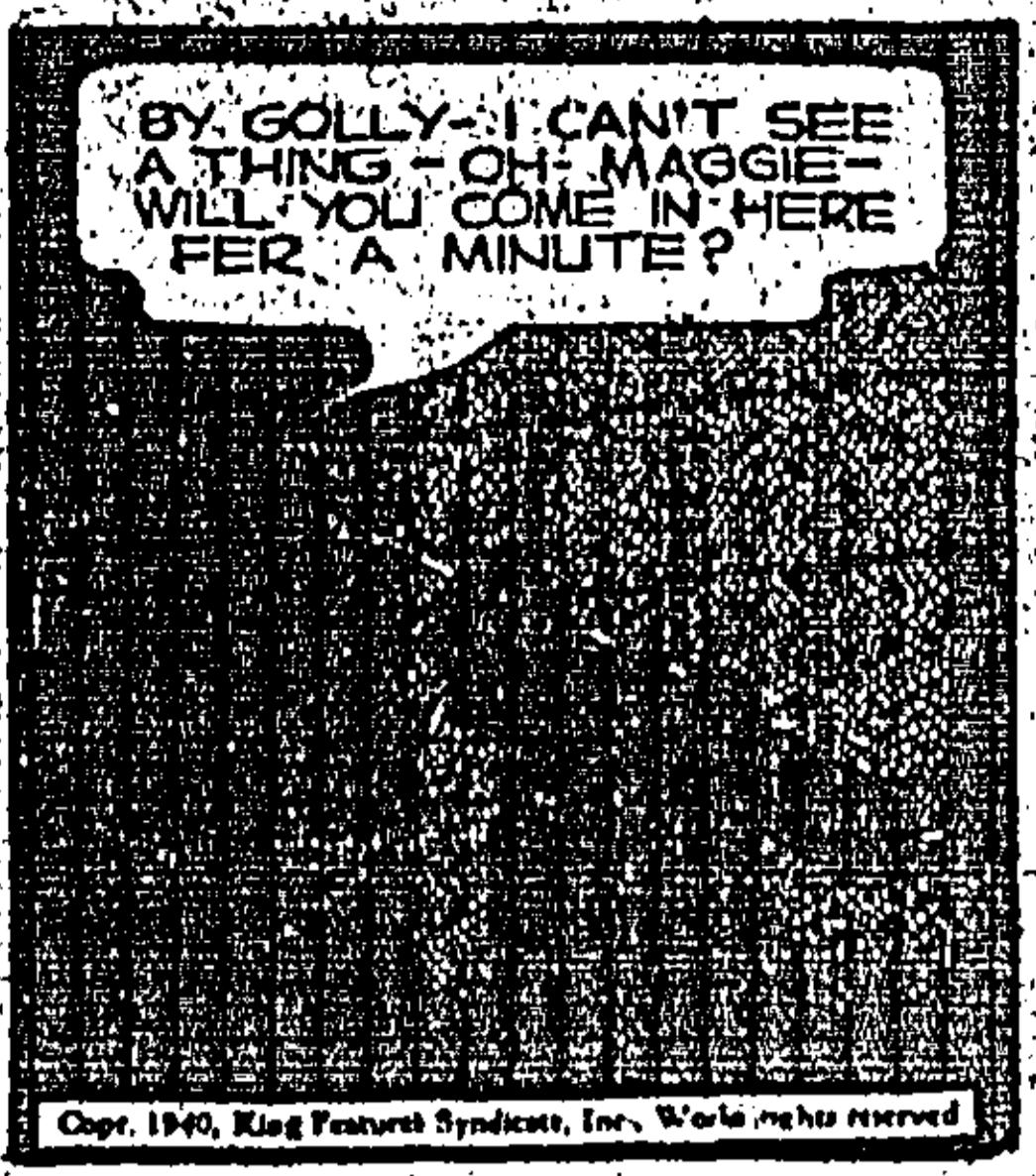
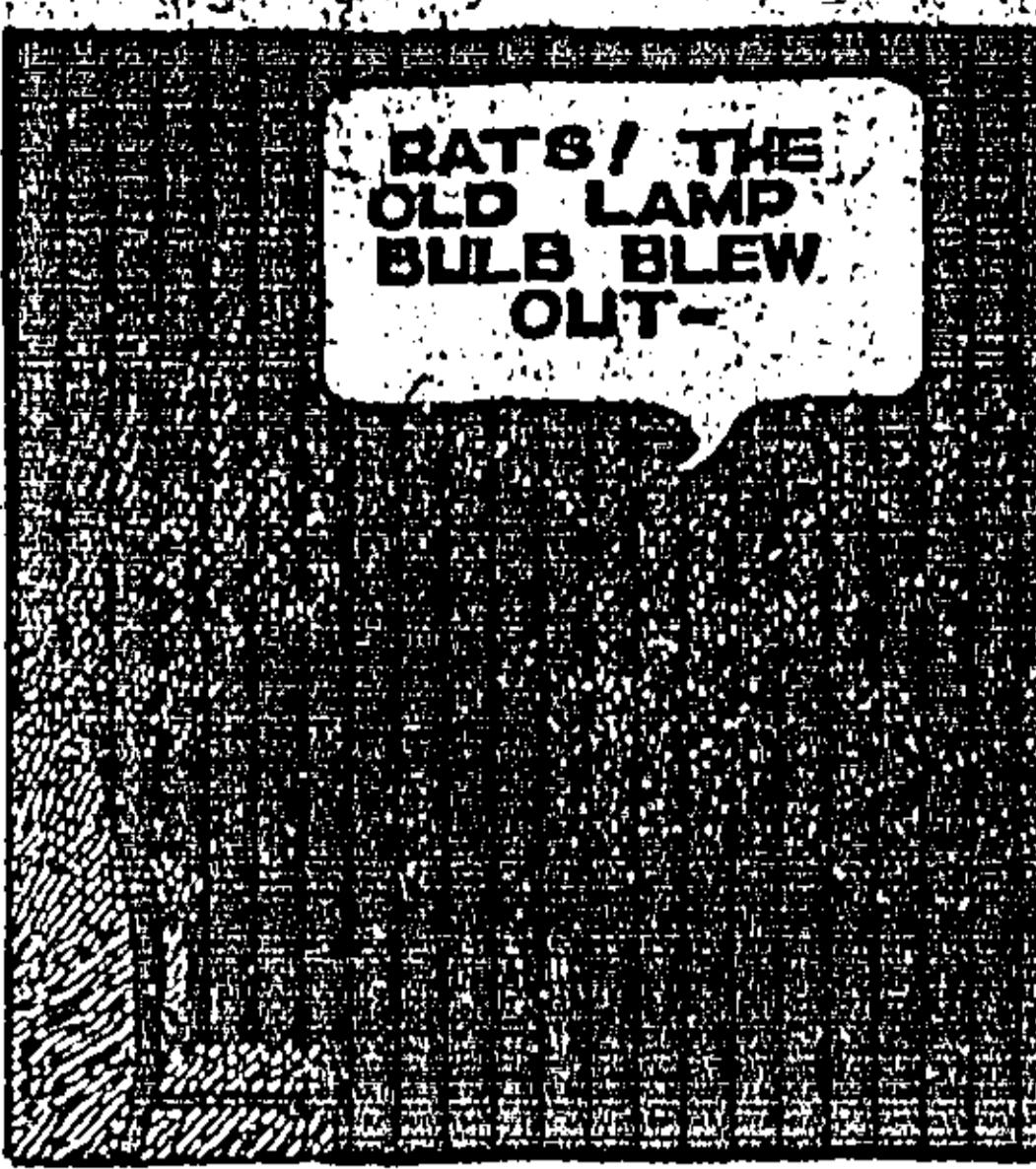
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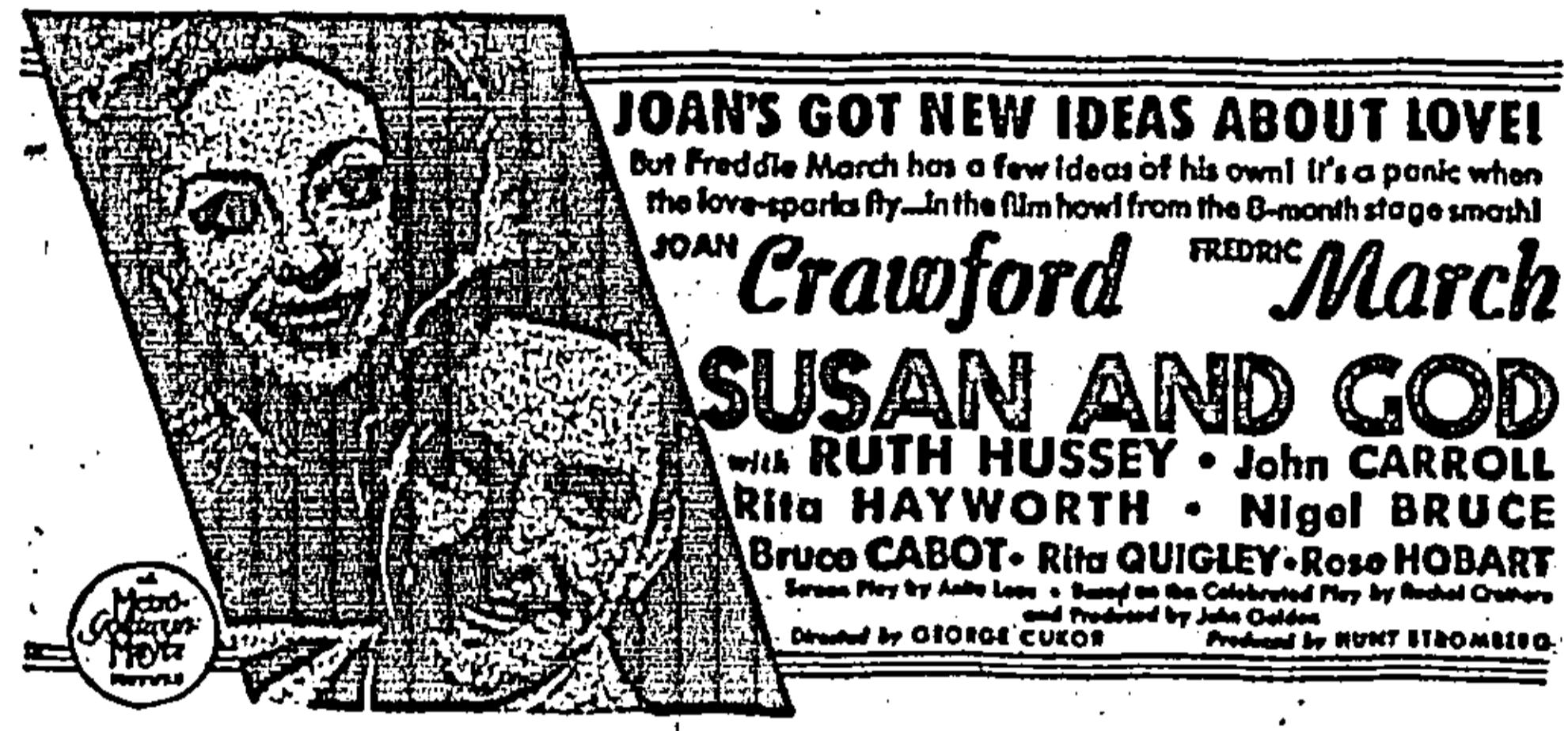
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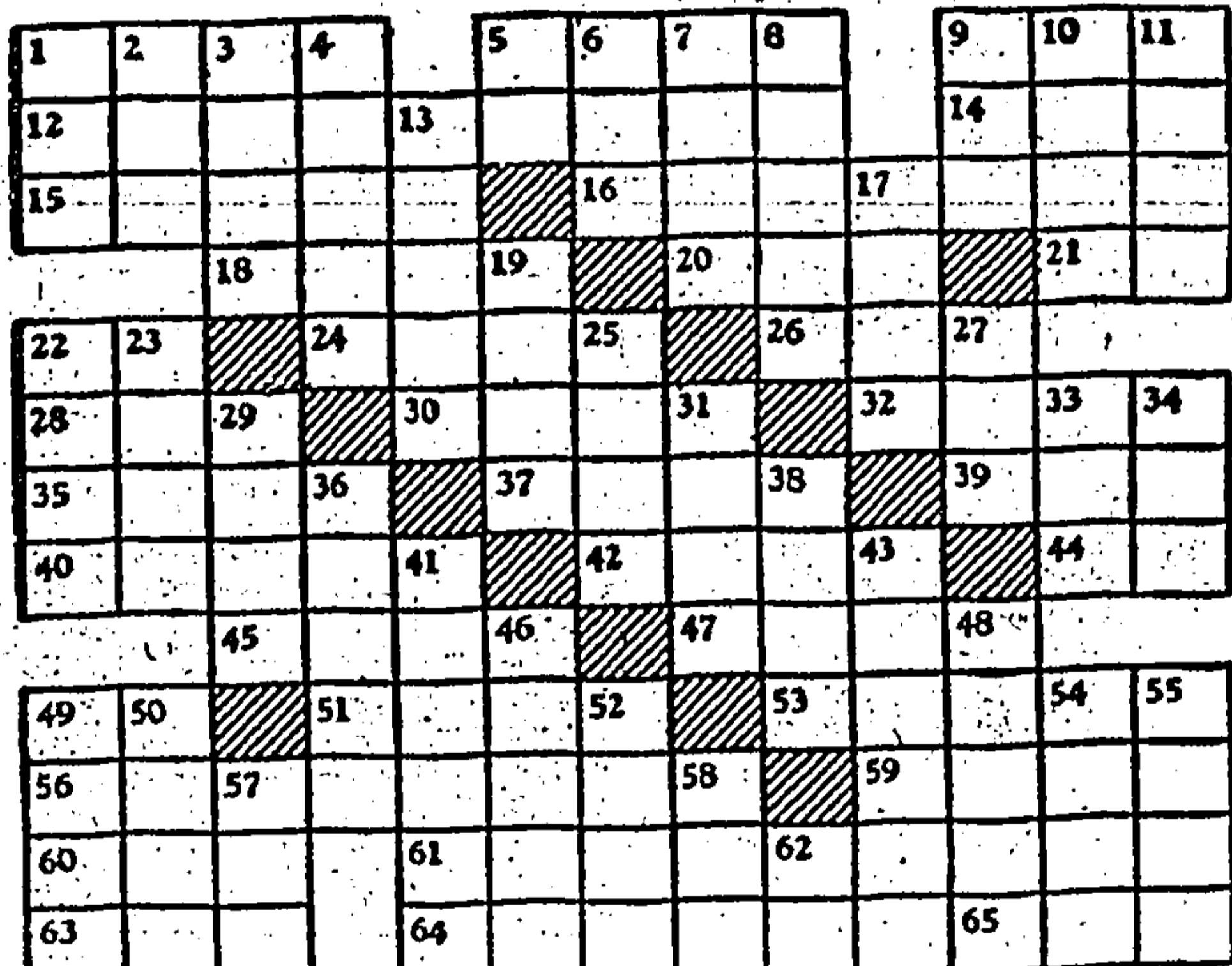
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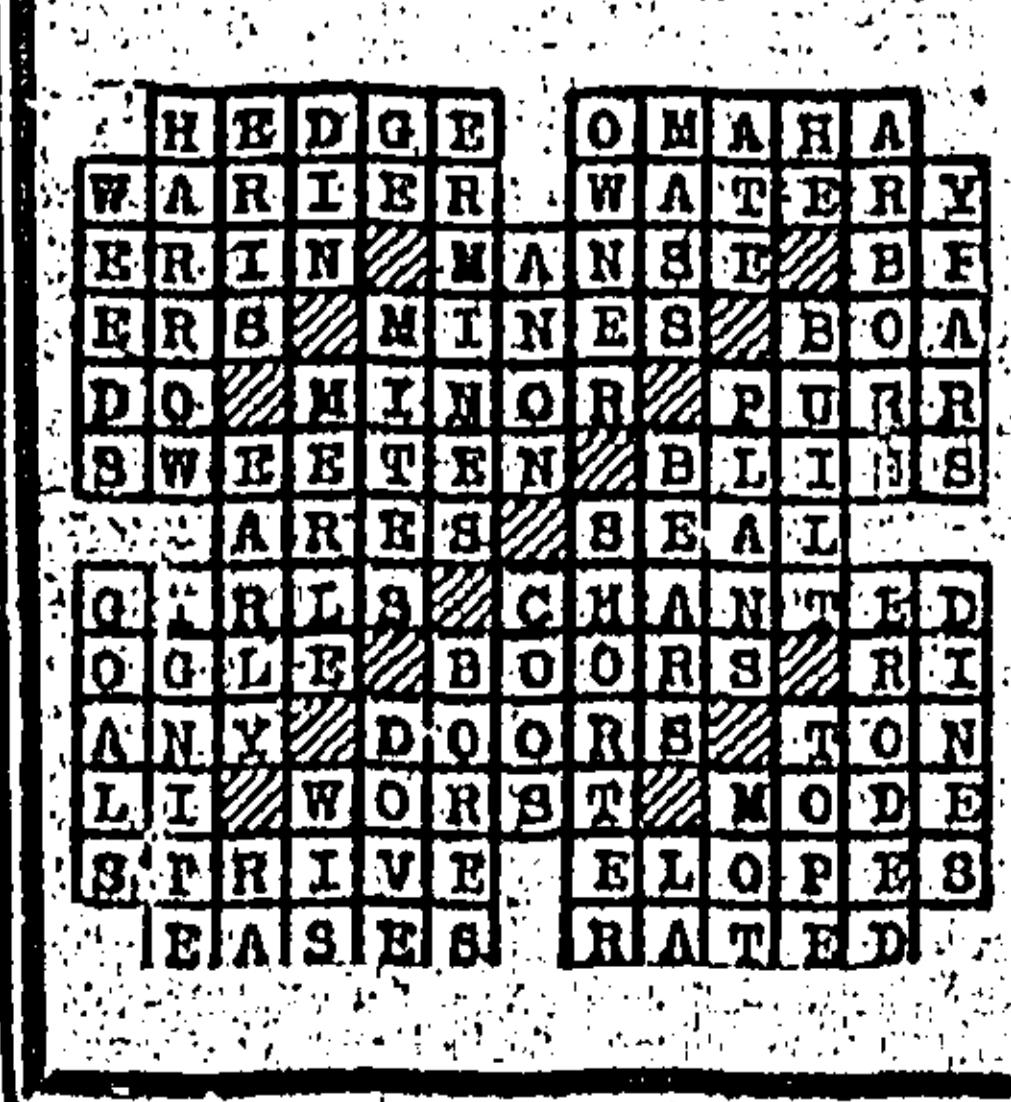
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22 German for "yes"
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32 Mountain pass
33 Priest, cante of Persians
37 Hindu deity
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40 To use
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44 Note of scold
45 Obstruction in water
47 Elongated fish
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51 To poke
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63 To find the sum of
64 To excite
65 Holland
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1 To recede
2 Equality
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6 To hit a loft
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19 Malaysian dagger

22 Side of a doorway
23 Pertaining to grandparents
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27 Greek letter
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31 Cry of Bacchanals
33 To supply with weapons
34 Indo-Chinese language
36 Unskillful
38 The dill
41 To mock
43 To watch angrily
45 Pertaining to a central point
48 Curved strip of wood
49 Part of eye
50 Dealt in
52 Egyptian length measure
54 Among
55 Noise made in respiration
57 To disencumber
58 To place
59 French preposition



GAOL FOR TRIO IN RACKET

Admitting having threatened three men to force them to join their "Society" after having beaten them up several times, Wong Lung, 25, Wan Wai-san, 31, and Hui Cheung, 21, were each sentenced to three months hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. E. Hinsworth at Kowloon this morning.

According to the prosecution, first and second accused were fokis working with the three complainants of a shop in Canton Road. First accused was discharged in September last. On Monday night, the three complainants were walking at the intersection of Canton and Austin Roads when one of them, who was behind the other two, was attacked by several unknown men. He returned to the shop while the other two went on and entered a tea house in Shanghai Street. Here one of them was called out and assaulted.

The following morning, one of the three heard second accused, who was employed in the shop, talking to some-one in an alley near the shop saying that if they (complainants) did not "square up the matter" they would be assaulted again. This complainant later spoke to second accused, who, told him that if they joined their "Society" and paid the fees, the matter would accordingly be squared.

The complainants reported to their master, who informed the police.

The police instructed them to go to the same tea house that evening.

Shortly after their entry, five Chinese including the three accused, came up and asked for \$3 from each as their membership fee. While the money was being handed over, the police, who were sitting at the next table, arrested the three men in the dock.

STRUCK AN OLD WOMAN

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself for assaulting an aged woman," said Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when placing Yeung Si, 22, on a \$10 bond to keep the peace for one year and ordering him to pay \$3 compensation, or serve six days' hard labour.

Yeung Si was charged with assault.

It was stated that accused and the woman accidentally collided with each other in Waterloo Road. The woman fell down and, after getting up, scolded him. In the argument, the woman pushed him and he struck her with his fists.

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SEVERE NAZI AIR RAID ON BIRMINGHAM

THE NAZI AIR ATTACK ON THE BIRMINGHAM AREA, WHICH WAS THE FIRST FOR OVER A WEEK, WAS VERY SEVERE; SIX CHURCHES, 11 SCHOOLS AND TWO CINEMAS WERE AMONG BUILDINGS HIT AND THERE WAS ALSO DAMAGE TO HOUSE PROPERTY IN A NUMBER OF DISTRICTS.

Although casualties included some fatalities they are not believed to be heavy, considering the scale of the attack.

LONDON AND MR. MATSUOKA

London press reaction to Mr. Matsuoka's interview with foreign correspondents in Tokyo is one of ridicule.

In an editorial entitled "Mute Sabre-Rattling," the "Daily Telegraph" says that Mr. Matsuoka, on assuming office last July, explained Japan's policy by blending truculence with vagueness, but now ventures an elucidation of Japan's intentions. Meanwhile, much has happened which will affect Japan's future and darken the Axis prospects.

Mr. Matsuoka's apologetic castigation of the aggression group vis-a-vis the widespread political and business opposition, the paper pointed out, is significant. His disavowal of militaristic conquest ideas indicates his preference for the puppet government in China to fight out the China war. "But whatever Matsuoka meant," says the "Telegraph," "he was clearly not sanguine."

Mr. Matsuoka's disclaimer of territorial ambitions in China is merely a repetition of a formula which no Chinese will believe, however softly worded. He offered peace to America, and yet with sabre-rattling, though not loud. Consequently, it is plain that he did not wish to draw the blade from the scabbard, but merely desired to assure the Axis Powers that the 3-month-old tripartite pact is not yet dead.

"The Times" Tokyo correspondent reports that Mr. Matsuoka seemed optimistic about almost everything except the possibility of the American fleet using Singapore, which, he said, would require Japan's "immediate and very serious consideration." Mr. Matsuoka said that it was difficult to define the limits of "Greater East Asia," owing to the changing circumstances, but roughly he indicated it would include Thailand, Burma and New Caledonia, but exclude Australia and New Zealand.

The "Daily Express" columnist, Mr. Charles Foley, in the "People's Place in Wartime," wrote: "The Foreign Minister speaks in pious vein. Greedy ideas borrowed from the West are disowning Japan does not want conquest, while her death grapple in China is merely an affectionate gesture which the world misunderstands." — Central News.

BRITONS INTERNED AT ST. DENIS

Questions were asked in the Commons yesterday about the condition of British subjects now interned who hitherto had been resident in occupied France.

The Foreign Under-Secretary stated that majority of male British subjects, numbering some seventeen hundred, were concentrated at military barracks at St. Denis, near Paris.

Information received from the United States Embassy, whose of-

CUPID MAKES FEWER MISSES IN WAR-TIME

The war has seen a marked decline in the number of broken engagements.

The announcement that the marriage arranged between Second-Lieutenant Michael Worth and Miss Aethra Parker will not take place, makes a total of only thirty-nine broken engagements made public during the nine months of this year.

In recent years the lowest total was sixty-four, in 1931, and the highest ninety, in 1935.

WOMAN ON CHARGE OF MURDERING FRIEND

MISS MARY E. B. JONES IS ACCUSED IN HASTINGS (U. S. A.) OF THE MURDER OF HER FRIEND, MRS. L. WASHINGTON BOOTH, A 50-YEAR-OLD ATTORNEY. THE TWO WOMEN HAD LIVED TOGETHER FOR TEN YEARS.

They quarrelled six weeks ago when Miss Jones accused Miss Booth of killing a pet dog.

Neighbours saw Miss Jones trying to push a motorcar down a slope and crying out that she intended to hurl herself beneath it.

Then they heard the sounds of a quarrel in the house and sent for the police, who entered and found Miss Jones battering Miss Booth with a kitchen chair.

An earthenware pitcher had apparently been used, to strike the first blow which felled Miss Booth.

Miss Jones was arrested and taken to a hospital psychiatric ward.

WARNING TO FRANCE

SEA TRAFFIC CARRIED ON FOR THE BENEFIT OF GERMANY AND ITALY BETWEEN NORTH AFRICAN PORTS AND MARSEILLES WAS THE SUBJECT OF A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION YESTERDAY TO THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC WARFARE.

The Minister was asked whether he would consider dealing more effectively with such vessels, which apparently made the voyage as far as possible within territorial waters of North Africa, Spain and France.

Mr. Dalton, replying, said the Government had never licensed or approved such traffic and reserved freedom to take appropriate action at any time.

It would not be in the public

interest, he added, to announce in advance measures it was proposed to adopt. — British Wireless.

Mrs. F. E. E. Booker, wife of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Kowloon, was a victim of a hand-bag snatcher last night in Des Voeux Road Central.

Mrs. Booker was walking near Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Company, at 7 p.m. when the incident occurred, the snatcher escaping.

The bag contained \$40 and a gold pocket-watch.

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A BOMB MAKES BLIND MAN SEE AGAIN

(By A Special Correspondent)

SHOCK OF A BOMB falling near him has restored to an ex-soldier the sight he lost in the last war. Doctors say a "miracle" has befallen the man, Mr. J. Brooker, of Harling Street, Camberwell, S.E.

He walked down the street to meet me with a shopping basket, calling at various shops on his own.

Yet this former blind man has another tragedy to look upon now that he can see.

He walked unaided and in the afternoon sunshine to visit the companion who had stood by him through all his years of darkness.

The jolt of the bombing and of realising her husband's sight had come back

— Mrs. Brooker. "My wife has been my constant companion."

Then the man who has only managed to feel his way step by step along the street for so many years said:

"I must hurry off to the hospital. Whatever happens, I mustn't miss seeing my wife."



THE WAR WORKER

The British Association for Labour Legislation has produced a timely report on welfare and health in relation to war-time hours of work and output. The Government has shown a good appreciation of the dangers of unrestricted and unregulated working time, but it is important that it should be backed by an informed and alert public opinion.

Some employers and indeed some workpeople hardly realise that over-work can be a national disservice. It brings a fall in the curve of hourly output and an increase in sickness, accidents, and absenteeism. The Government's policy is sound, and it is regrettable that not all its departments are acting on it.

As the British Association's report says, there is all the difference between "spurt" and "long-run" conditions of production, but we should be careful not to continue the "spurt" too long. The report was that more effectual steps should be taken to see that the provisions of the Factories Act are observed; this means an increase in the number of inspectors and also in their firmness of resistance.

The Minister of Labour has shown his concern for welfare and deserves every support in his efforts to get decent mess-rooms and canteens and to encourage communal feeding. It is to be hoped that the appointment of his welfare officers will not be delayed. The report has some sensible remarks on billeting conditions, which require far more attention than they have yet had.

As the new munition factories come into work the problem will become urgent. A further useful point made is the demand that the Board of Education shall undertake an inquiry into the employment of children of school age since the war and stiffen its restrictions. This is bound up, however, with the general question of compulsory school attendance on which so far the Board has pursued such a spineless policy.

THE BIGGER BOTTLE CLUB

The suppression of several London bottle clubs provides an appropriate opportunity to mention the existence of an International Bottle Club, whose members are not in the least interested in drinking. A certain Colonel Edward P. Bailey, an

Why the U.S. Fleet Should Go To Singapore

A Washington View

By Joseph G. Harrison

America's Far Eastern policy appears to-day to have crystallised to a point where the country is prepared to take full economic and belligerent measures against Japan if the latter continues to encroach upon territory considered vital to American safety and well-being.

A number of sources close to the Administration agree that the White House and State Department, strongly supported by the Navy Department, have decided that any further Japanese advance toward the Netherlands or British East Indies or toward Thailand (Siam) and the British Malay States, at whose tip lies the great Singapore naval base, would be sufficient cause for a complete Anglo-American embargo on all trade to and from Japan.

These same sources add that the Administration is fully aware of the fact that such an embargo might well lead to war, but that Washington is determined to take the risk if it is the only way in which Japanese hegemony of the entire western and southern Pacific can be prevented. Meanwhile, the United States will seek in every way to alleviate Far Eastern tension and to convince Japan of the grave danger facing it.

This sudden hardening of American policy, which during the more than three years of the current Sino-Japanese war has vacillated between warnings and deplored, is traceable to the increased resistance of the British in Europe, the growing inclination of the American people to do their part in preserving democracy and the Administration's recognition that a Japanese victory in

Australian, started this sodality in 1926 by placing hundreds of messages in many languages in glass bottles and scattering them, a few at a time, from the deck of a ship on its way from Vancouver to Sydney. The membership grew among the people who found the bottles and read and replied to the messages therein contained. Answers came from all quarters of the globe, and took months and sometimes years to arrive.

From a casual bottle-dropping concern the International Bottle Club has become a systematised business. The members collect thousands of old bottles and hand them over to passengers on long-distance ships, with requests to drop them over the side at specified points in the journey, as far as possible from land. Records of the answers received to the bottle messages are collated and passed round, and the general idea is that the curious hobby may one day provide valuable information as to the drift of world ocean currents and the direction of winds. Some of the bottles have tortuous and long voyages; one, dropped by a Japanese Bottle Club member near Kamchatka, arrived three years later at Chile, and messages thrown overboard at Alaska have turned up in Australia.

Asia and a German-Italian victory in Europe would place this country between the jaws of a totalitarian nutcracker.

Having received an unpleasant jolt last July when Great Britain agreed to a three-months closure of the Burma Road, the main Chinese trade artery to the outside world, the Administration is reported to have decided that its aid to Britain must go beyond the supplying of arms and must include economic, diplomatic, and, if necessary, military cooperation with Great Britain in the Far East.

Evidence of this cooperation is present in the American embargo on the export of iron and steel scrap to Japan and in the \$125,000,000 loan to the Chinese Government, both of which actions coincided with a British announcement that the Burma Road would be reopened. This cooperation was strengthened by the signing of the German-Italian-Japanese agreement as it emphasised to the Administration and to the American people that their one remaining friend of any strength in the world was the British Empire.

There is a strong, well-substantiated belief in authoritative Washington circles that this American—one might almost call it an Anglo-American—policy toward Japan will be a dynamic rather than a static defence of American interests in the Far East. Persons close to current Anglo-American conversations, which are officially admitted to be of the "utmost importance," have informed "The Christian Science Monitor" that American use of British air and naval bases throughout the Pacific Ocean is already determined upon.

Since American use of the Sino-Japanese base, which high Navy officials have said unofficially can become as important to American defence as are the Hawaiian Islands, is included in this agreement, the scope of the new Anglo-American cooperation can be realised.

Of increasing importance in State Department and White House deliberations on the Far East is the voice of the Navy Department, whose long-standing predictions as to Japan's Far Eastern intentions are now being borne out. Thus the public statements of active or retired Navy officials are now being carefully studied in Washington.

As long ago as last April, when there was little evidence that the Administration was nearing the end of its patience with Japan, Rear Admiral Joseph K. Taussig, a departmental authority on Far Eastern Affairs, told the Senate Naval Affairs Committee that "I cannot see how we can escape being forced into eventual war (with Japan) by the present trend of events."

This statement takes on added interest when compared with a recent declaration by Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, retired, former commander of the Asiatic Fleet, that war between the United States and Japan appears "very likely." Similar sentiments have been expressed by Admiral William H. Standley, retired, former chief of Naval Operations, who feels that the United States should take strong and immediate economic action against Japan.

The present crystallisation of America's policy toward Japan, while flowering during the past few months, has roots that go back for several years. Many persons in Washington assert that the first inkling of this policy was given by President Roosevelt in his famous "quarantine" speech of October, 1937. This speech was followed a few months later by the dispatch to London of a secret Navy Department emissary whose job it was to explore the possibility of Anglo-American cooperation in the Far East.

Although nothing much came of these two developments, the suc-

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A Naval View.

By Capt. Frederick Oliver, U.S.N., Re

For years, Japan has patiently awaited an opportunity to assert its dominance over the Western Pacific. The recent pact with the Axis power indicates that either it is convinced that the psychological time has arrived, or its economic condition has forced the country's militant rulers to gamble on their nation's future.

Whatever may be the reason, the die appears to be cast. Japan's representative leaders have virtually told the United States to withdraw from participation in any matter in which Japan considers it has an interest, and now, unless Japan is willing to submit to "loss of face" it must make good its demands.

In taking its recent stand, Japan has either deliberately discounted the economic effect of the boycott and embargo that can be laid against it by the United States, or has counted on the Presidential campaign reducing the United States to a state of lethargy and confusion.

Approximately two thirds of Japan's oil requirements are supplied by the United States, and the remainder comes from the Netherlands East Indies. An embargo on oil from the United States would have the immediate effect of increasing Japan's demands on the Dutch oil fields, which now divert to Japan only an estimated 10 per cent of their output.

Any reluctance on the part of the Dutch authorities in complying with such demands invites invasion, because Japan must have oil. It has failed to interest Mexico in supplying its needs, and with California oil no longer available, Japan must turn to Borneo.

Japan has long been credited with designs upon these fabulously rich islands, and no doubt is prepared to include them in the "new order in Greater East Asia" just as soon as the necessary "incident" can safely be contrived.

Japan, behind its fortified bases in home waters and outlying islands, occupies a superb position defensively. However, it is poorly located strategically for carrying out an offensive campaign, and is now engaged in making a desperate effort to remedy this defect.

In any campaign in the Western Pacific, the lines of communication are the controlling

ceeding months saw popular and Congressional agitation for an embargo upon Japan, which culminated in the dramatic announcement in July, 1939, that the United States was abrogating the American-Japanese Trade Treaty, thus opening the way for economic sanctions against Japan.

Further evidence of American displeasure with the course of Japanese aggression came when the United States placed a "moral" embargo on the shipment of aeroplanes to Japan and with the refusal of the Maritime Commission to charter oil tankers to that country. An embargo upon the export of aviation gasoline and of the necessary tetraethyl for making it also followed. But it was not until the joint Anglo-American action of embargoing American iron and steel scrap and the British reopening of the Burma Road that Tokyo became convinced that a real change might be at hand.

At present the United States Government is making a minute survey of the effect which an over-all American and an Anglo-American embargo would have upon Japan. It is understood that particular attention is being given to the question of American silk purchases from Japan.

Thus, while it seems improbable that strong joint Anglo-American action can be expected if Japan confines its activities to the Chinese mainland, it is believed a certainty that this country is prepared to take strong steps if Japan moves much farther to the south or the south-west.

factors, and it is along its far-flung lines of communication that Japan is vulnerable. Disrupt them and the Japanese Empire will revert to its semi-civilisation of 100 years ago, for Japan produces few of the raw materials that enter into present-day requirements.

Japan's line of communication with the world, except for the Americas and local trade with near-by Asia, goes through the Strait of Sunda. The proximity of Singapore to this vital trade route has caused Japan to eye with great concern the establishment of Britain's magnificent naval base in sheltered Seletar Harbour.

The 2,500 miles of ocean that separate Japan and Singapore made Britain's base secure from any serious threat by the Japanese Navy. In an effort to overcome this handicap, Japan, during the past few years, has neglected no opportunity of seizing sites where intermediate bases could be located. First, Hainan Island was taken. Later, came the seizure of Spratly Island, which is less than 1,000 miles from Singapore.

Now with one eye on China and the other on Singapore, Japan has begun to penetrate Indo-China. Should its forces reach Saigon, they will be within 500 miles of Singapore.

The United States cannot afford to wait. Every wasted day is a tragedy. The Atlantic is now dominated by the British Fleet. A friendly, well-equipped base at Singapore beckoning to American ships, is an entirely different matter from attempting to project a hazardous, exhausting campaign across the wide Pacific to arrive at a port which must be seized and made secure as a base from which our fleet can operate.

A heavy force of United States ships at Singapore would threaten one end of Japan's 2,500-mile line of communications through the South China Sea to such an extent that Japan would have to concentrate its fleet in that area of else withdraw.

If such a concentration is effected, Japan's long line of communication will be inadequately guarded elsewhere, and will be open to disrupting raids by cruisers operating from Manila, Hong Kong, and Hawaii.

In the past, Japan received every consideration by the United States Government. Now that Japan, of its own accord, has asked for a showdown, the United States should immediately place the needed "force" at Singapore to insure that Japan keeps the peace.

The tremendous advantage gained from taking the initiative has long been a well-recognised principle of war, and the present conflict has forcibly illustrated the disastrous results that come from failing to seize and hold the initiative. The United States now has an opportunity for exercising the initiative. Japan has gambled on American unwillingness to do so.

Japan is definitely on the move, and has never shown any inclination to avoid taking the initiative. Twice, Japan has struck first and declared war afterward, and its present long-drawn-out contest with China has never been designated a war.

In Indo-China, Japan already is within bombing distance of the Burma Road. If the United States waits longer, it may be too late. With Japan strongly entrenched in Indo-China and the Netherlands East Indies, the initiative will have passed beyond recall from American hands, and Singapore will have become a liability instead of an asset. The American fleet should be at Singapore before the United States places an embargo on oil to Japan. Every day gives Japan more opportunity to strengthen its position in the South China Sea.

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SHOT MURDER RAIDERS DOWN GETS D.F.C.

ONE OF THE MEN who has for weeks been defending London from the fury of Hitler's air blitzkrieg has been honoured. He is Acting Flight-Lieutenant Christopher Frederick Currant, and he has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Ministry announced.

Four other D.F.C.'s and one D.F.M. were at the same time awarded to men who have been prominent in attacks on enemy territory, destroying the Nazi invasion schemes.

Of Acting Flight-Lieutenant Currant the Air Ministry said he "has led his flight with great skill and courage in air combats in the defence of London," and "has destroyed seven enemy aircraft and damaged a number of others."

"His splendid example and fine fighting spirit have inspired the other pilots in his flight."

He was born at Luton in 1911, and his home is at Harpenden, Herts. He enlisted in the R.A.F. in January, 1936.

20 Attacks

Acting Squadron Leader John Fulton was awarded the D.F.C.

This Officer, the Air Ministry said, has taken part in 20 major operations over enemy territory since early in June, 1940.

One night in September an attack on enemy objectives at Brussels was frustrated by the failure of the starboard engine and he turned for home. Later the engine functioned normally, and he decided to resume his mission.

He made two successful attacks, straddling the railway junction with both sticks of bombs.

Tribute is paid to his "persistent determination, outstanding skill and devotion to duty in the face of heavy opposition and many set-backs."

Acting Squadron Leader Fulton was born and educated in British Columbia.

Bombed Harbour

The D.F.C. is awarded also to Acting Flight-Lieutenant Peter Coplestone Lemon, who since the beginning of the war has conducted 28 operations over Norway, Holland, France, Belgium and Germany.

In September, with great courage in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire, he dived to 500 feet over Antwerp harbour and released a stick of bombs which caused a large brick building to blow up and burn furiously.

His aircraft was damaged, but by skilful piloting a successful landing was made.

The pilot is a West Country man, born in Devon and with his home in Weston-super-Mare.

Pilot Officer Clare Arthur Hovendon Connor, has been awarded the D.F.C. for an attack he made as captain of an aircraft on enemy barge concentrations at Antwerp in September.

After a fruitless attempt to bomb, he approached the target again, and was subjected to intense fire from the ground, but the attack was pressed home successfully.

During this attack the bomb compartment in the aircraft was shattered and a fire started which quickly spread to the wireless operator's and rear gunner's cockpit. The port mid-wing and the tail boom were damaged.

Shell fire pierced the port rear petrol tank, causing grave risk of fire spreading, and the starboard tank was also pierced.

Pilot Officer Connor is a Canadian, and his wife is living at Bridgwater, Somerset.

The navigator and rear gunner abandoned the aircraft, but the wireless operator air gunner remained and extinguished the flames.

Pilot Officer Connor then succeeded in flying back to his base and landing without further damage, despite his machine's condition.

Defied A.A. Guns

The last D.F.C. was granted to Pilot Officer Wilfred John Lewis, who in September successfully pressed home, in the face of intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire and searchlight glare, a dive-bombing attack on a concentration of barges in Antwerp docks.

Fines ranging from \$5 to \$15 were imposed by the Magistrate. The Magistrate made the remark above when a Warden whose version he wanted failed to attend.

'PARACHUTIST' WAS A WEATHER SPY

Police, Home Guards and A.R.P. men took part in a parachutist hunt in Woodford and Buckhurst Hill recently.

For many miles around what appeared to be a parachute was seen slowly descending from a great height. In cars and on cycles the officials followed it for over half an hour, till it came to rest in the garden of a house in Buckhurst Hill. It proved to be a meteorological balloon used for weather reports.

BELGRADE PEACE PLEDGES

A Hungarian-Yugoslavian pact of friendship was signed in Belgrade last evening, according to a despatch to the German news agency.

The treaty was signed by Count Csaky, Hungarian Foreign Minister, and M. Markovitch, Yugoslav Foreign Minister.

It consists of three articles. Firstly, it declares permanent peace and eternal friendship will exist between the two countries. Secondly, the signatories agree to consult on all problems affecting mutual relations.

Thirdly, the pact will be ratified at a very early date and will come into force as soon as ratified. — Reuter.

Hungary's Quest

Axis propagandists will doubtless interpret the Yugoslav-Hungarian treaty as indicating Yugoslavia's advance to the Axis, according to political circles in Belgrade yesterday.

Observers in Belgrade, however, do not believe the signing of the treaty means more than an in-

tense desire on Yugoslavia's side to maintain the peace and on Hungary's side to attempt to find some, even if an uneasy, basis for her foreign policy outside the strangling embrace of Axis entanglements.

Mutual Confidence

Following the signing of the Yugoslav-Hungarian treaty of friendship yesterday, Count Csaky and M. Markovitch both emphasised in statements to the press that the treaty was a contribution to the maintenance of peace in south-eastern Europe.

M. Markovitch described the treaty as a new contribution to peace and constructive collaboration which was the object pursued by the Hungarian and Yugoslav Governments in the Danube Basin.

Count Csaky referred to the mutual confidence and friendship which united the two nations and said the new treaty was a sure guarantee that the two peoples would be able to follow with success the common road which they had the wisdom to choose. — Reuter.

A PICKPOCKET RELAY TRICK

TO-DAY, FRIDAY THE Thirteenth, proved unlucky for at least one pedestrian who was walking down Chater Road shortly before 11.30 a.m. when a relay event, in which the fountain-pen of the unfortunate European pedestrian was used as a baton, was staged by three members of the light-fingered gentry.

BLACK-OUT OFFENDERS

"It is difficult for me if Warden do not attend Court when their summonses are being heard," remarked Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when nearly 40 "Black-out" summons were before him.

Various excuses were given but District Inspector A. Wright (Yaumati) said it did not matter what excuse they might have, lights during the Black-out had to be screened. In most cases they had not even attempted to obscure the lights.

Fines ranging from \$5 to \$15 were imposed by the Magistrate. The Magistrate made the remark above when a Warden whose version he wanted failed to attend.

The European, whose name was not disclosed, was strolling near Messrs. J. Ullmann and Company, in Chater Road when one of the gang, passing by, neatly extracted the fountain-pen from the gentleman's pocket and made off with it. An Indian watchman sprinting after him.

The pickpocket was caught before he could "get up steam," but the relay race was not broken for an accomplice suddenly emerged from behind one of the pillars and accepting the "baton" from the man who was struggling with the Indian watchman, continued the "race" further down the street.

At the junction of Des Voeux Road Central a third individual took the fountain-pen from the second man and disappeared down the road.

Meanwhile, the victim, apparently not wanting to be bothered with going to the Police Station and charging the arrested man, "threw" in the watchman to let the man free.

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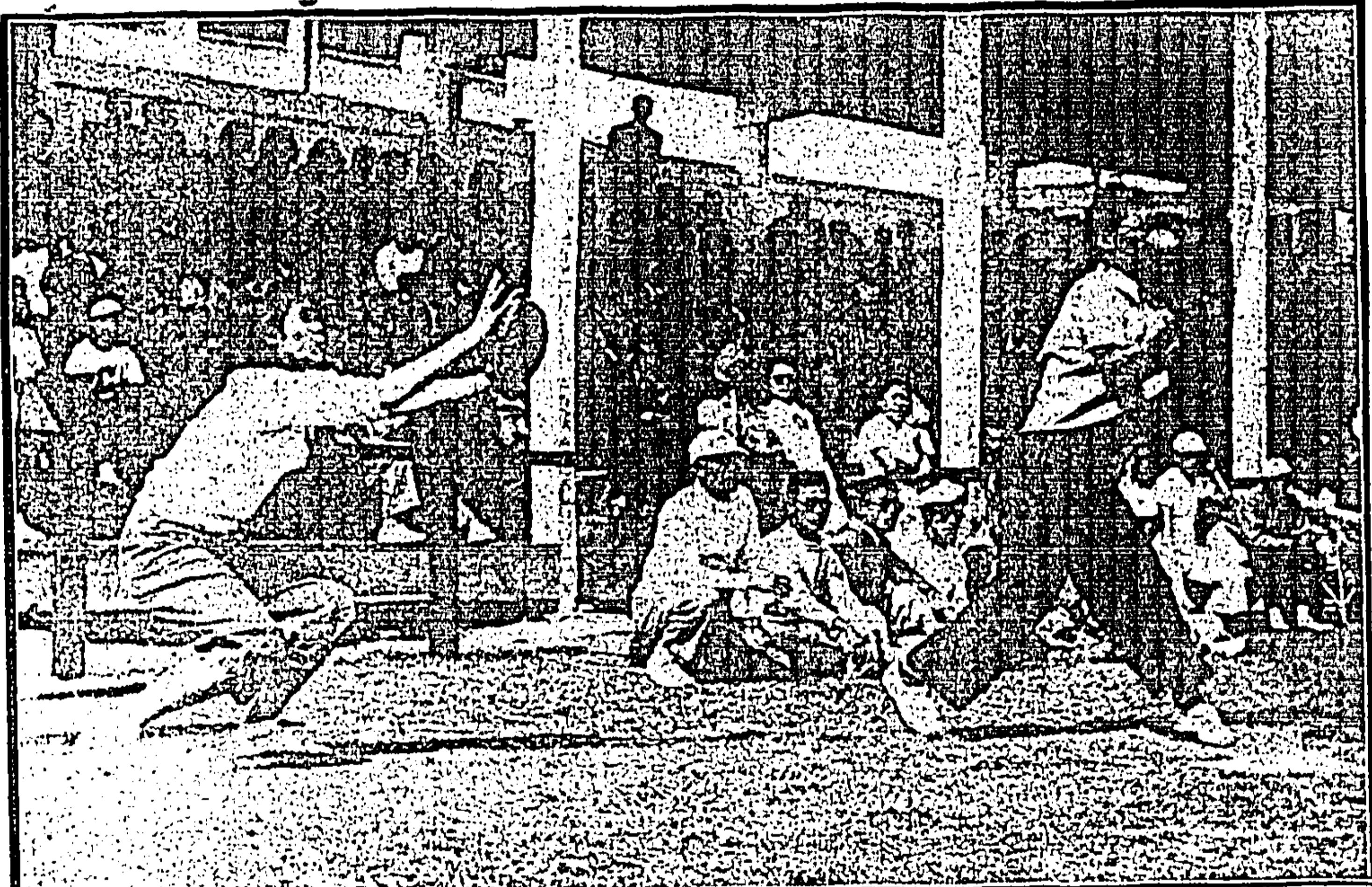
The Week In Pictures



Play in the annual Bowls match between St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies.



Snapped at the Causeway Bay Bazaar.

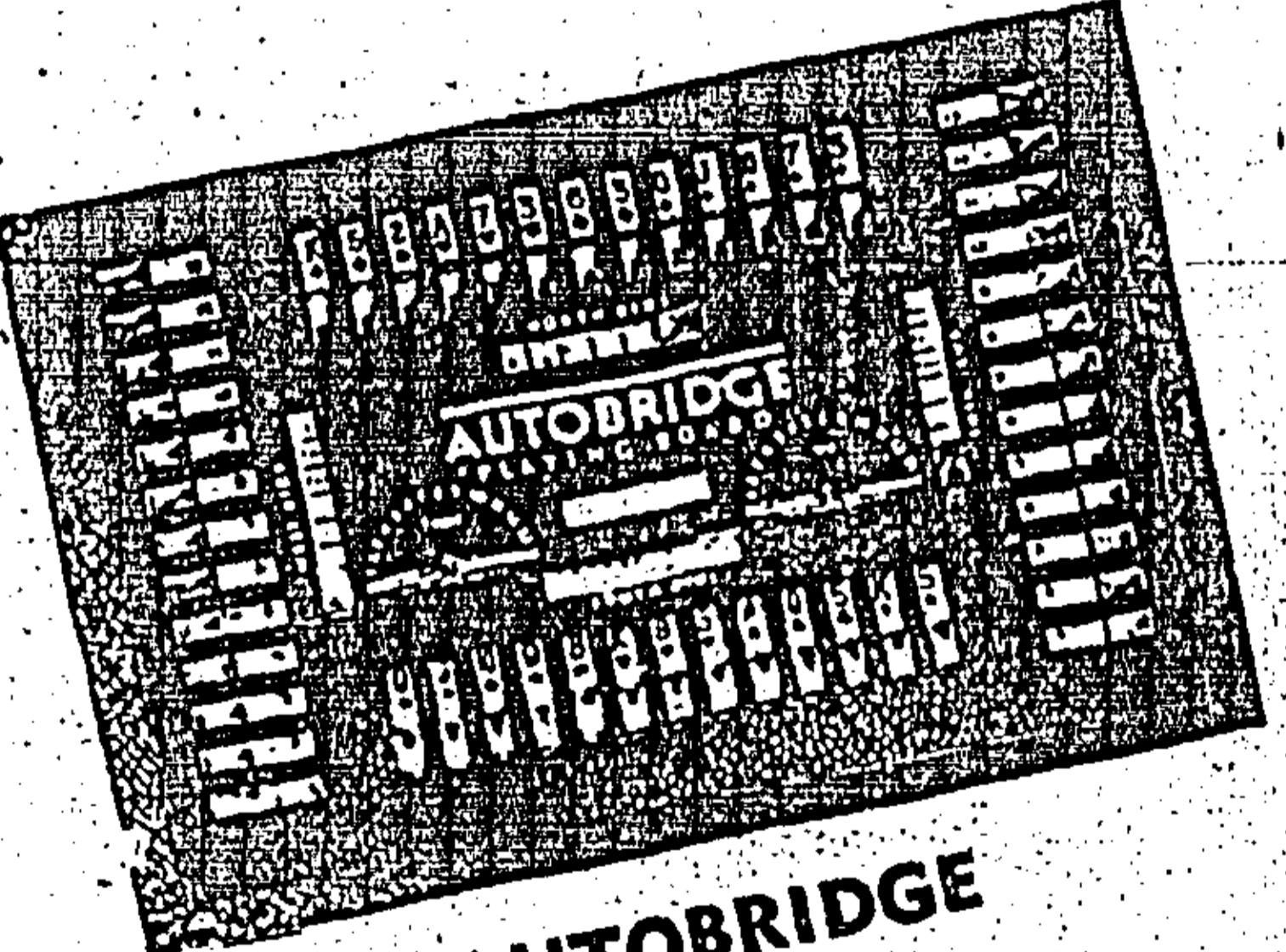


Jean Lee batting for Canuckettes who beat Panthers 11-3 in Sunday's Softball.



A.I.F. troops hardened by months of severe training march out of a desert camp to perform Battalion exercises. They are among the troops who won their laurels this week at Old Bar-
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SHORT STORY

OVERCOAT FOR DAVE

By KEITH AYLING

Anne's smooth brow furrowed something for yourself," Aunt Mary had written. "I shall be very angry if I hear that you have spent it on housekeeping or on that good-for-nothing husband of yours."

Anne sighed as she put the letter back in her handbag. Ever since Dave had given up a safe position in a bank to go into the wireless trade, with the idea of starting in business on his own, Aunt Mary had not approved of him. And Dave was beginning to resent the old lady's attitude.

"If she wasn't your only relative, and if you weren't the most wonderful woman in the world, I'd tell her something," he had said.

Anne's blue eyes were troubled as she glanced at the clock. She grabbed her shopping bag. Dave came home at half-past twelve. She hurried off. Waiting in the

grocer's she thought of Aunt Mary's £5. She wanted a new winter coat, some new shoes, and in the spring she was going to have a baby.

Dave needed a new overcoat desperately. He would have to buy one soon. Salesmen had to look smart. Dave's birthday was two days after hers. Anne felt the oranges, and wondered if bananas were more economical. If Dave didn't have a new overcoat soon he would look terribly shabby. The last time his coat had come back from the cleaners there had been so many little squares of red cotton to mark the worn places.

Choosing the meat she wondered if she dared to defy Aunt Mary. If she bought herself a cheap coat on credit, she might manage to pay for it by tightening up the housekeeping. Dave had never noticed when she gave him margarine instead of butter—or he had been too sporting to notice.

Dave was a sport, she remembered with pride as the butcher dropped the meat into her bag and he was clean and honest. It was just as exciting being married to him now as it had been five years ago. Jogging home with the heavy bag she could think of nothing but to give him a new overcoat.

When he arrived home for lunch Dave dropped a fondly appreciative kiss on her ear. "Darling, what would you like for your birthday? I expect I'll be able to find something in the old sock."

She slipped her arm round his neck and kissed him on the side of the mouth. "Why not postpone the present business until next year, darling?"

He shook his head and made a face. "No! a birthday's a birthday, and you deserve one every day of the year, my sweet."

It was nice to be loved that way, Anne thought as she answered: "I want a packet of smokes and a box of Turkish delight, so that I can make a pig of myself in the afternoon when you are away."

Over lunch Dave suddenly stopped eating. Anne felt a little uncomfortable as he studied her, his dark blue eyes full of concern. "Here, I say, darling," he remarked anxiously, "you're not eating anything. What's up, Anne, tummy ache or something?"

Before Anne could answer he had come round the table and was hugging her tenderly. "Tell me, darling," he whispered. "What is it, I hate to see you worried."

She shook her head, and made her voice convincing. "There's nothing wrong, my sweet; it's just well—oh, I've just got the miseries, I suppose."

"Oh, indeed, well I'll have to kiss them away and risk giving you indigestion." Dave laughed lovingly as he took her in his arms. They hugged each other.

They seemed to melt into one person, with the same hopes, the same great purpose to love each other always. Their eyes grew misty with happy contentment. "To think that two people could be so happy together," murmured Dave. "It's too wonderful."

"And it's going to last for ever," breathed Anne. "No one could ever come between us."

Dave's grip on her slackened a minute. His face was resolute as he echoed. "No one." He broke into a little grin. "Not even the famous Aunt Mary."

Immediately the front door had closed behind him. Anne's mind went to ways and means of buying him a new overcoat. She settled herself in the big fawn armchair and stared at the big bowl of red roses by the window. Dave was frank with Aunt Mary and tell her how important it was that Dave should have smart clothes for his work. She decided against that.

Dave had forbidden her to discuss finance with her aunt after one unfortunate skirmish. There was another reason. One day Dave wanted to go into business on his own, and Aunt Mary had suggested that if they ever wanted capital she would supply it. Of course Dave had turned the idea down flat.

"I wouldn't be bossed by your aunt, darling," he had said. "She means well, I know, but if she puts a farthing into the business she would want to run it. No, I'll work my way up to sales manager of this firm, then I'll raise the capital on my record. It won't be difficult. Let's keep the family out of the business."

Anne reflected. Dave was inclined to be a little too sensitive over Aunt Mary, who had been a father and mother to her. If her

uncle did want to invest some money why should it not be in the cheque, and tell Aunt Mary—tell her what, he asked himself. She was Anne's only relative. He had promised Anne to be tactful.

Dave was thinking of Anne's birthday as he went back to the office. He had started saving up for her present at the beginning of the year, with the idea of giving her something really good. But

there had been so many things and business had been bad. His commission account had not come up to expectations. Anne wanted a winter coat with a silver fox collar. He would have liked to have helped him to clinch the deal outside again he stopped in front of a shop window, and contemplated his reflection. Phillips was right. He was getting to look like a tramp. He would have to do something about it.

"Aunt Mary's coming to tea on Sunday," Anne announced after dinner. She shuddered with alarm as Dave snorted. "Pah! That old cat, I'm sick of being nice to her. Why does she have to come on my birthday of all days? We ought to spend birthdays alone. She'll want to know what I have given you for a present, and she'll look down her nose at whatever it is."

Anne was sitting on the big cream pouffe at his feet with her blonde curly hair against his knee. "Oh, darling, please be nice to Aunt Mary this time. I have a special reason."

Dave did not answer. She patted his knee imploringly. "Please, darling, be extra nice this time. It's important."

"But I'm always nice to her. I believe if I let go sometimes she'd respect me more. She seems to think I'm a spineless nit-wit because I accept all she says." He ran his fingers through her hair. "But I'll be on my best behaviour for your sake, my sweet... I promise, but it's going to be difficult. You see..."

The front door bell rang. Anne sped to answer it. At the door she halted. "Oh, Dave, I forgot to tell you." Her cheeks were bright spots of colour. Now she was frightened of what she had done. "Dave, please don't be cross, but Mr. Martin, the tailor called. While business is slack he is making clothes for his old clients at a special reduction. I thought you needed an overcoat and—er—I promised to pay it off at five bob a week. I can manage that out of housekeeping."

Dave's eyes flashed with sudden irritation as he stood up. Anne came over and stretched up to kiss him. He held her slender body close to his. He remembered that interview with the sales manager. So Anne had noticed, too. After a little while he said: "All right, Anne, we can do it on credit for once. I do need a coat badly." But it went against the grain.

While the tailor was measuring him he wondered if he dared tell Anne about Aunt Mary's cheque. He would not for the moment; the matter needed thinking over very carefully.

The next morning Anne was wrestling with the housekeeping accounts when the noise of Dave's key in the door disturbed her. It was 11 o'clock. She fled to the hall.

Dave caught her in his arms. He lifted her off her feet to kiss her. "Sweetheart, you're having a new coat, too, for your birthday. I've had a bit of luck—a £5 bonus for getting a difficult client. Hurry up with lunch, and we'll go and buy it." He began to whistle a fox-trot and they danced into the kitchen.

Anne met him at the office that night in her new coat. "Darling, you look lovely. I am a lucky man." Dave's dark face was lit with enthusiasm. It was as if they were just married, it seemed to her. How wonderful it was to be so completely in love.

Over dinner she reflected happily. How wonderful of Dave to have spent his bonus on her birthday present. Really he ought to have invested in a new suit to go with the overcoat. Her contentment faded as her mind went to Sunday. If she showed to Aunt Mary and told her she had bought the new coat with her cheque?

But she dare not tell Dave about Aunt Mary's cheque that she was going to return as tactfully as possible. She wondered what to do.

"Dave, you won't tell auntie how much you gave for my coat," she hazarded later as she snuggled on his lap in her blue padded dressing gown. "She might think we were extravagant."

Dave's answer sent her alarm rocket high.

"Oh, won't I. And why shouldn't I? I jolly well will, I'll (Continued on Page 4)

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Jockeys And Mounts

How They Lost--And Won

TWO unknown riders made history at Kempton Park recently. One of them, named Dawson, signalled his first race in England by steering a 20-to-1 chance to victory. The other unknown, by the name of Eddowes, won by four lengths on another outsider, making mincemeat of the day's "good thing," which was ridden by no less a celebrity than Gordon Richards.

It is just these little incidents that go to make up that "glorious uncertainty of the Turf" about which we hear so much.

A totally unknown young jockey won the Derby on the 50-to-1 outsider Little Wonder, beating the favourite Lancelot, with the great William Scott "up." The lad's name deserves to be recorded. It was Macdonald; and the records say that he was as cool as a veteran all the way. Nearing the post, Scott, who was by no means scrupulous, shouted, "£1,000 for a pull!" The unknown youngster shouted back, "Too late, Mr. Scott!" and went on to win a sensational Derby.

Another obscure jockey carried off the "Blue Ribbon" on Merry Monarch, whose previous performances caused him to go down in racing history as "the worst horse that ever won the Derby." This jockey's name was Bell.

These unknown lads were doubtless going all out; whereas it is not seldom that a more experienced jock has thrown away a race because of over-confidence. Catherstone won the Derby, with the aforementioned Scott in the saddle, by a good margin. In the St. Leger the mount was given to Frank Butler, but this jockey took too much for granted. To his dismay, Job Marson on Nutwith came with an electric rush, and snatched the victory away from Catherstone and him. Marson was a very fine rider, and was on Teddington when he won the Derby. It is pleasing to record that his last mount, ere he retired, was a winner.

Beat Fred Archer

Another tragic tale of over-confidence losing a big race has to be told in connection with that grand horse Flying Dutchman.

In all his victories he had been

ridden by a jockey named Marlow, who came to believe that "the Dutchman" was invincible. In the Doncaster Cup, Marlow was instructed to ride a waiting race; but he valiantly decided to disobey his riding-orders, saying "I'll show them what I've got under me to-day!"

Owing to this temerity, Voltigeur got up and just beat the Flying Dutchman—one of the most sensational "upssets" even seen on a racecourse. Marlow's remorse for his disobedience was bitter, and after the race he was seen leaning against the wall of the weighing-room crying like a child, while Lord Eglinton, pale as ashes, was vainly trying to console him. Marlow won other races but died, forgotten, in a workhouse.

Watching the other jockey, in

stead of attending to one's own business, has lost more than one race. A boy called Rossiter was on Robert the Devil in the Derby, when the dreaded Fred Archer was riding Bend Or. Rossiter

the owner of his mount, gratified but curious, asked him how he managed it. "Well, sir," replied the innocent lad, "I overheard Mr. Archer saying what he intended to do to me during the race, so I thought the best thing was to jump off in front and keep in front all the way."

Lord Rosebery's Derby winner Ladas lost the St. Leger because Loates, in the saddle, was busy watching Watts on Matchbox, the only opponent he feared. While these two crack jockeys had their eyes upon each other, a gallant filly, named Throstle, cleverly steered by Cannon, stole the race. This was another big race-course surprise, for Ladas was fully expected to win. As it was, he had to be content with second place, while Matchbox was third.

We have already seen how it is not always the crack jockeys who have the big wins. To the names of Macdonald and Bell, just quoted as unknown boys who rode unexpected Derby winners, let us add that of Parsons.

This unknown lad was put up on Caractacus for the great race at Epsom. Now, Caractacus was so little thought of that his owner did not trouble to go to Epsom to see him run. As it turned out, Parsons, young and untried as he was, rode the despised outsider with the coolness and judgment of a hero of a hundred wins, and brought him first past the post in a superb finish.

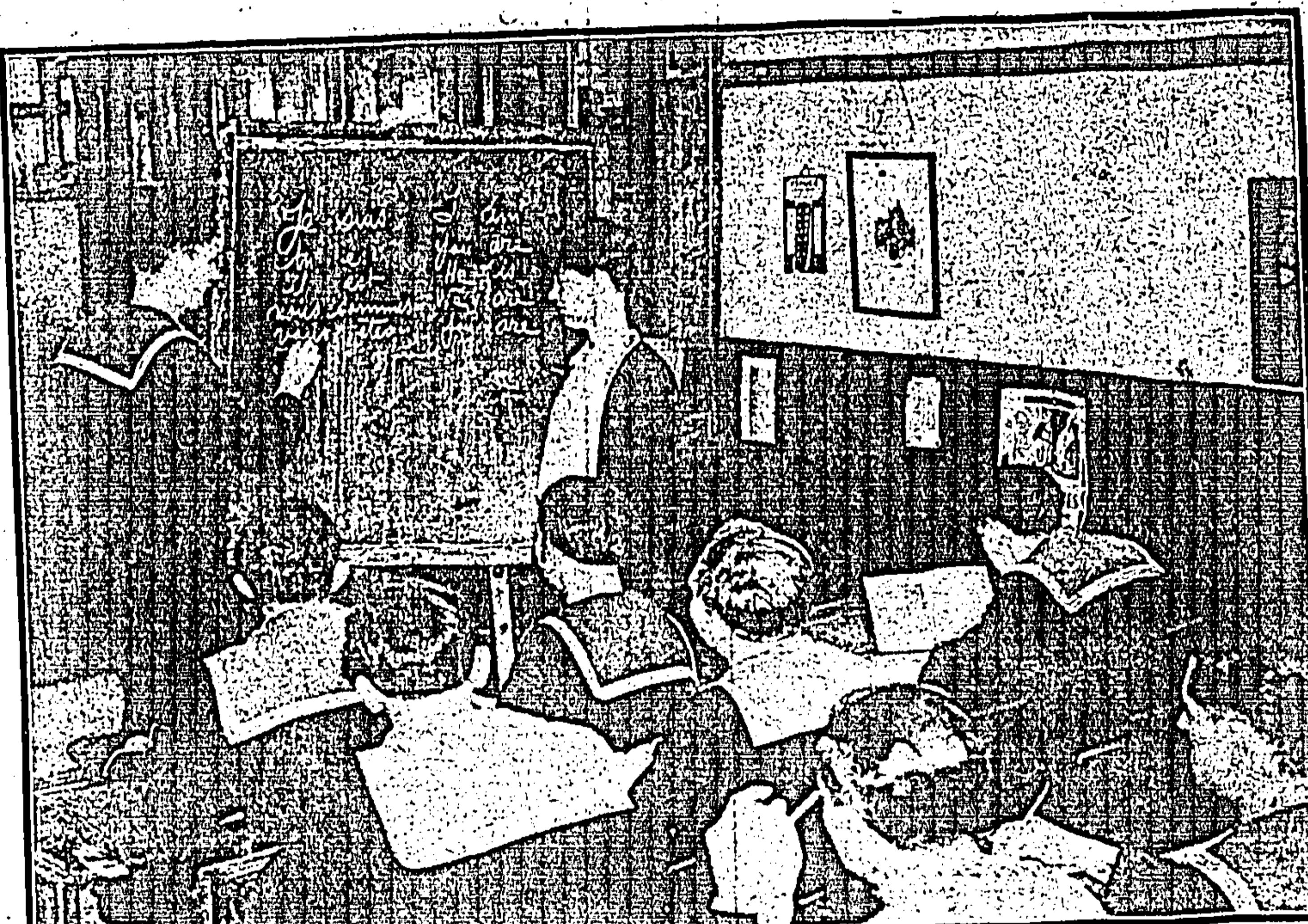
We hear a good deal about temperamental horses, and their fits of "nerves" and temper. But a jockey can have his little oddities just the same. There was Sammy Morton, who would soliloquise aloud as he rode. Over-confidence, curse of so many jocks, also made him throw away a Derby which his mount Bruce was expected to win. Thinking that he had the race in his pocket, he left off riding, and Tom Cannon took Shotover past him to win.

There was Morris, who was deaf, a disability which is no asset to a jockey. He, too, eased up his mount, Galopin, in a memorable Derby. "Go on, Deafy!" shouted George Fordham. And "Deafy" went on—to win.

There was the Yankee Tom Sloan, whose succession of wins went to his head, and made him impossible to deal with.

George Fordham, just mentioned, was known as the "champion kidder" among jockeys, and was up to every legitimate move to deceive his rivals and add to his mount's chances. During his career he rode 2587 winners, thus not being far behind the great Fred Archer's record of 2748.

William Scott had a temperament that made him quarrel with everybody. In one Derby he actually stayed at the starting-post to abuse the starter. So marvellous a rider was he that in spite of this delay he made up the lost ground and was only beaten by a short head. His little episode at the start, by the way, cost him an interview with the Stewards and a £5 fine.



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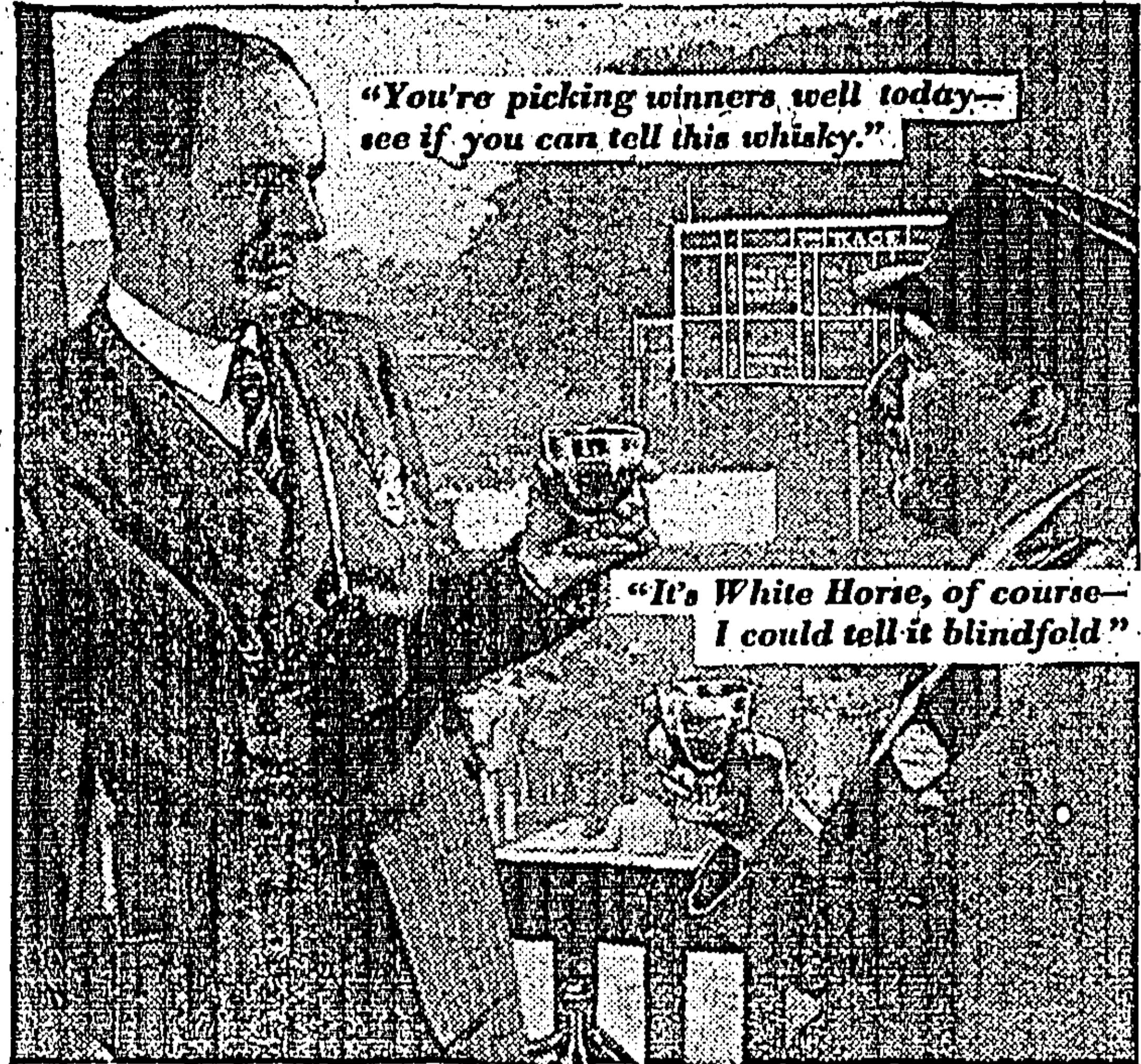
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HAVE THE
PEOPLE
GONE?
TO CHECK
ON THE
EXPLOSION,
MR. MAYOR—

A GUSHER'S
BEEN BROUGHT
IN?
YES!

I'M MAYOR.
NOW, SON!
I'LL STOP
THAT!
GOOD!

...AND IT'S
EVEN A
BIGGER
GUSHER
THAN I
EXPECTED!
HEH!
HEH!
HEH!

OKAY, WARNER—GIT BACK
ON THE JOB! WE'LL CALL
IT BLACK PANTHER WELL
NO. 1! THAT'LL START
THE KITTY!

WHATCHA
DOIN', BEN?
GOING OVER SOME
PROSPECT CARDS—
REMEMBER, WE'RE
BACK IN THE
REAL-ESTATE
BUSINESS, RUSTY—

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I TELL YOU EVERY PERSON
IN HAPPY VALLEY, 'CEPT YOU
AN' ME AN' MAYOR
BALLINGER HAS GONE
BUGS OVER OIL!

GOOD OLD RUSTY!
I WISH HE WOULDN'T
GET EXCITED SO
EASILY, THOUGH—

HE THINKS HAPPY VALLEY'S
GOING TO TURN INTO AN
OIL CAMP WHEN FOLKS HAVE
VOTED JUST THE OPPOSITE
AND MAYOR BALLINGER WILL
SEE THAT THEIR WISHES
ARE CARRIED OUT—

BUT, GRANDMA, YOU
CAN'T LEASE YOUR LAND!
YOU AND ALL THE OTHER
FOLKS OF HAPPY VALLEY
HAVE JUST—

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tell her it cost twice as much. As a matter of fact I am just dying to show her that I can afford to buy you something decent."

It was a case of kissing and persuading. Anne did her best, but Dave was still determined. That night in bed Anne thought it all over, and was far from happy. There would be such a row on Sunday. She could never leave Dave and her aunt alone for a moment.

Could she postpone Aunt Mary's visit? Her spirits slumped as she considered the idea. To put off Aunt Mary was like cancelling Christmas Day for the old lady. But if she came and Dave was in his present mood he would be sure to upset her.

She stretched out her hand, and touched his head. He turned over, and she knew he was not asleep. "Dave, you will be careful with Aunt Mary on Sunday. She is—"

"Oh, dry up, darling," Dave's voice was tired. "I'm fed up with her. It's Aunt Mary this and Aunt Mary that. If we smash one of the rotten cups she gave us for a wedding present you worry yourself stiff till you've replaced it. Why must we live in fear and trembling of an old woman?" He turned over again.

Anne did not know what to answer. But when she thought he had gone to sleep he said apologetically, "I'm sorry, old girl. I will be careful, but sometimes it is terribly difficult. Let's hope she doesn't start lecturing me though. I've almost had enough."

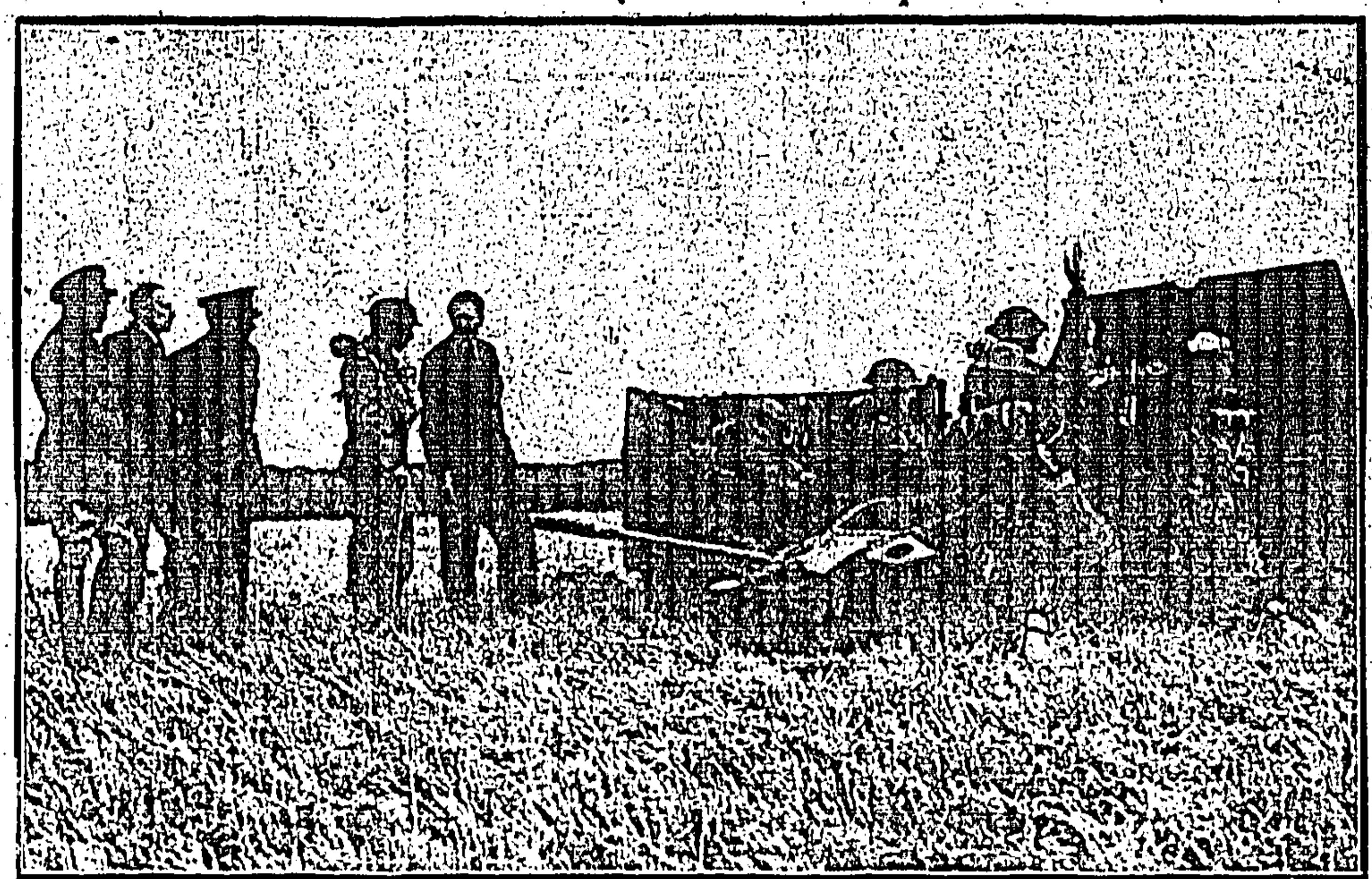
Sunday afternoon Aunt Mary blithely installed herself on the settee in the flower-decked drawing-room. With her bright bird-like eyes, her severe black taffeta frock, and the heavy gold chain round her neck, she was a striking contrast to Anne's pink and blue colour scheme. On her carefully arranged grey hair was a hat that seemed to Anne a direct challenge to modern fashion.

Only Aunt Mary could wear a bird's nest, complete with exotic fowl, securely meshed by a heavy veil, and not look ridiculous. Anne did her best to keep the conversation from sinking into silence. In one of the dreadful pauses she realised she would have to leave Aunt Mary and Dave alone while she made the tea.

As she got up her troubled eyes flashed a silent prayer to Dave to cheer up and be sociable. But instead he sat, his face very red, and leant forward over his elbows, and seemed to be absorbed in the pattern of the carpet. Why was he biting his lips? Was he going to quarrel with Aunt Mary? She decided it was not the moment to leave them.

After ten minutes of prolonged agony she dared to go to the kitchen. Waiting for the kettle to boil she tiptoed nervously into the hall to listen if they were talking. Dave's voice brought her to an abrupt halt.

The kettle boiled over. Anne rushed back to turn off the gas. Her face was pale as she entered the drawing-room. Dave was standing up now; she saw his



Mr. Anthony Eden made a comprehensive tour of an Armoured Division in the Eastern Command recently. Here Mr. Eden is watching artillerymen at drill. (Copyright, Fox).

hands gesticulating as if he was very angry. She leant weakly against the wall, appalled. What she had feared had happened. They were quarrelling.

"Yes, and you can keep your money," she heard Dave say hotly. "I don't want it. I'm sorry, and I don't want to offend you, but I won't allow you to criticise Anne. She is my wife and when she wants anything I'll earn the money and give it her, and—"

"Oh, Dave!" Anne found her voice.

Dave swung round tersely. "Sorry, Anne, I'm afraid I've offended your aunt. I didn't mean to, but you see she sent—"

Anne whooped with surprise, and disappeared. When she came back she was too breathless to speak; she just panted. Dave stared at the pink slip of paper she pushed under Aunt Mary's nose.

"I say, Anne, what on earth?"

Anne's eyes told him to keep quiet. She steadied herself. "Auntie, dear," she contrived quietly, "I wanted to explain before, but I couldn't. H-here is the cheque you sent me. I couldn't possibly accept it, not when you feel as you do about Dave."

Anne stopped suddenly. She rushed her hands to her mouth. Her surprised eyes fixed in a blank, wondering stare on Aunt Mary's face. Was the old lady ill. Was she light-headed or something? Anne looked at Dave. He was staring dumbfounded.

Aunt Mary was laughing as if she was enjoying a tremendous joke. Jubilantly she tore the two cheques into little pieces and scattered them into the fireplace.

"Something for you to clean up, Anne," she chuckled, her dark eyes twinkling as she surveyed the pair of them. "Oh, dear, oh, dear! I have been wanting a good laugh for such a long time."

Anne subsided into the armchair and was comforted that Dave had moved across to be near her. She put her hand in his.

"My dears," Aunt Mary's voice was a little shaky as she stretched out her arms across to them. "Come over here, both of you, you naughty children, and let me explain," she said, coaxingly. "I'm not mad, really I'm not, although I suppose I'm a little light-headed with happiness. Dave, stop looking like Donald Duck and sit down." She dabbed at her eyes with a lace handkerchief.

"Give me a minute and I'll explain what a naughty old woman I have been, and, Dave, your fountain-pen, please."

She almost snatched the pen from Dave's startled fingers. Her ivory-white face was set in a determined smile as she rustled over to the bureau in the corner. Over her shoulder she called: "My dears, I'm going into business. Dave, come over here."

Dave did not move at first, so Anne pushed him forward firmly. "Yes, aunt," he mumbled sheepishly.

"Listen, young man, I have always known you had the best girl in the family, but I wasn't sure whether you were aware of it, or whether you deserved her. Seems to me you do. Now I have found out you are worth while I'm going to invest something more than affection in you two. Dave, it was fine of you to give me back that cheque I sent because I criticised your wife. I did it on purpose, and I am glad you had sufficient grit to tell me I am a meddling, interfering old busybody." She gave him a slip of pink paper.

"Here's a cheque for £1,000. I want you to use it to set yourself up in a wireless business, when you have paid for Anne's birth-

day present."

"But, aunt," Anne's heart turned over at the truculence in Dave's voice.

"No buts," snapped her aunt. "For the last time listen to me. I

"My dear, we can't," he corrected her. "I shall have to give a month's notice to the firm member—and I wangled a fiver out of the cashier for your coat, on the condition I paid it back at £1 a week."

Anne sighed. "So I suppose I

wireless set. Take the cheque really shall have to go light on the and get busy to-morrow. Anne, housekeeping for months and feed you on margarine, unless the new business will

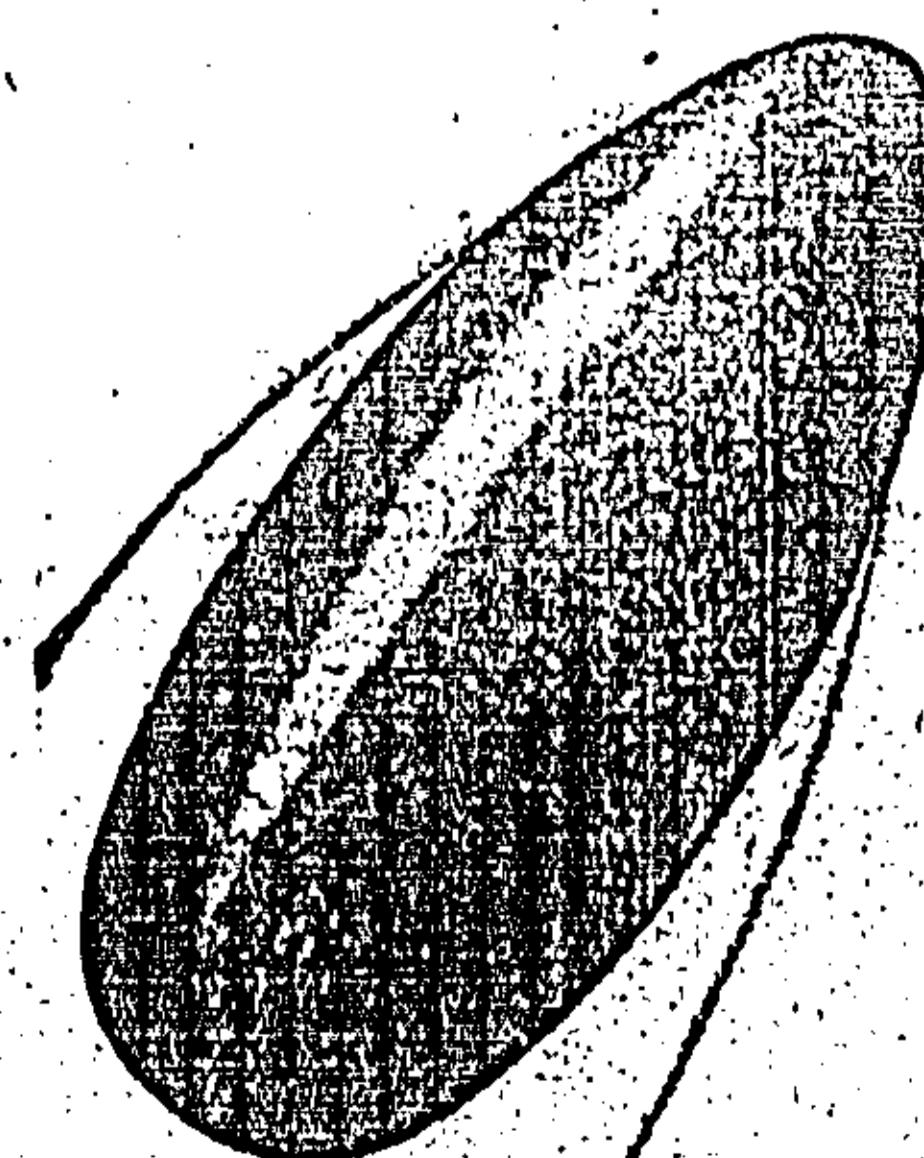
that's what I came for. You advance me a loan on account."

"It will, if you're very good," Dave whispered. Anne shut her eyes contentedly as he kissed her. How wonderful life was, a lovely

blissful dream, she and Dave always together, helping each other.

"My sweet," Dave murmured suddenly, "don't cry, you make me feel the same way."

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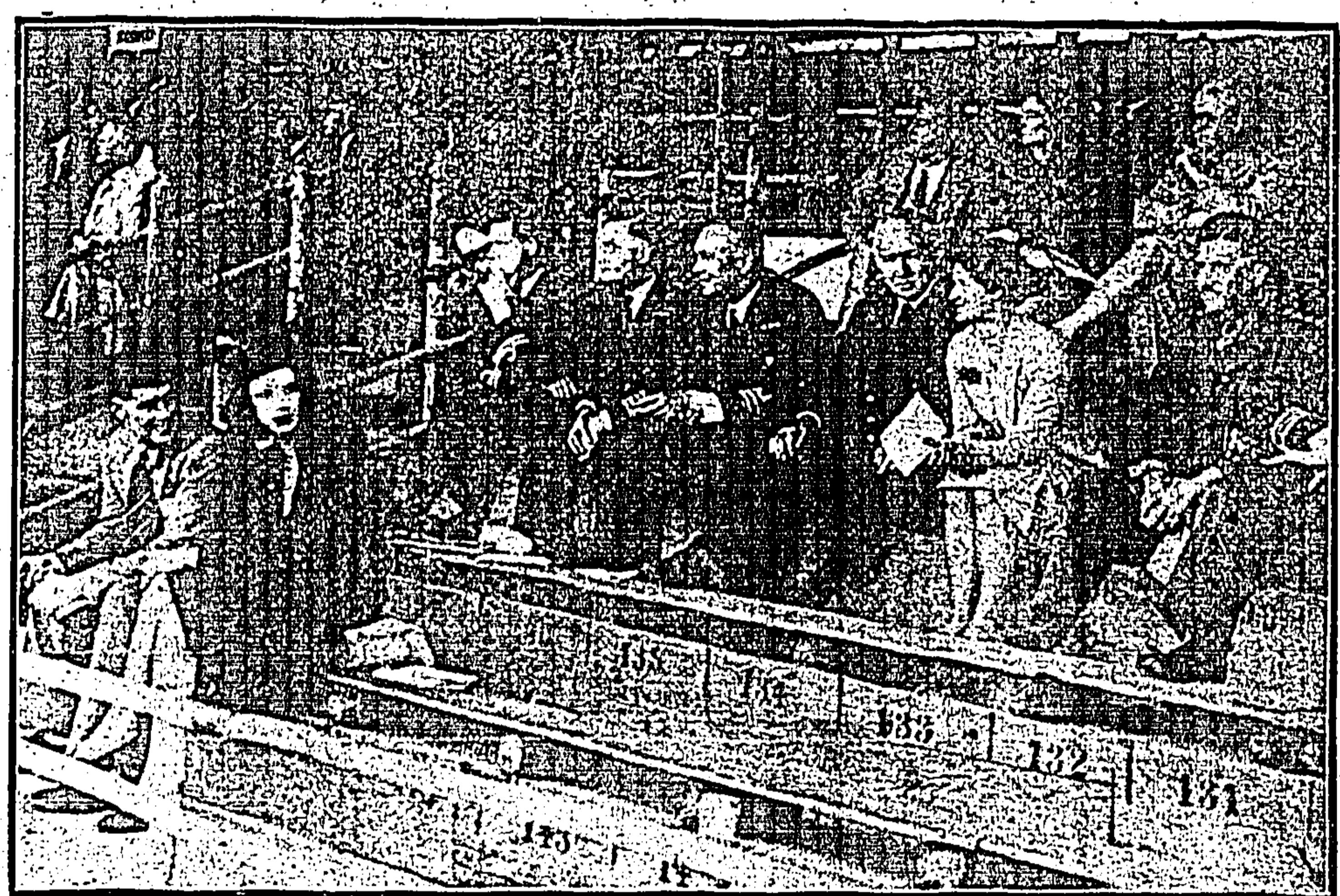
"Grandma" Hutchinson stealing a base in the Cardinals-Little Flowers Softball contest on Sunday.



Hoop-la at the three-day Bazaar at Causeway Bay.



Only a handful of spectators attended Sunday's Softball matches at the K.F.C.



Some of the spectators who were thrilled at the Club-Navy Rugger match on the Club ground.



(Right)—Taken in Canton city, this picture refutes reports that foreign charity work has stopped in the Kwangtung capital. It shows some of the 4,000 Chinese who are fed each day by the Baptist Mission.



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GREEKS SMASH COUNTER-ATTACKS

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent in Greece)

THE GREEK ARMY CONTINUES TO RETAIN THE INITIATIVE; ALL ALONG THE 80-MILE BATTLE FRONT IT IS FIGHTING SUCCESSFULLY AND ALL ITALIAN COUNTER-ATTACKS HAVE BEEN REPULSED.

The left wing of the Greek army, according to the Greek spokesman in Athens last night, is continuing its advance towards Chima, coastal town on the Adriatic, 20 miles north of Santi Quaranta.

Further to the right the Italians at some places put up very stiff resistance before they were finally dislodged from their positions with heavy losses.

The Italians employed crack Alpine corps in keen fighting in the coastal sector around Tepelini, where a colonel is understood to have been killed and many of his men taken prisoner.

Greek troops, taking advantage of the Italian retreat from Argirokastron, have advanced along the hills bordering the Drinos Valley and are now approaching Tepelini.

The rhythm of the battle is being much slowed by snow, blizzards and bitter cold. — Reuter.

Great Losses

The Italians yesterday made repeated counter-attacks in the northern part of the battle front but all attacks were repelled with great losses.

Most severe fighting was in the Podgradetz sector, where a position on the Greek right flank was heavily attacked.

The Greeks have maintained all positions captured in the Podgradetz area.

Swift Action

An area on which future developments in the campaign may greatly depend is reported to have been encircled by three Greek columns as the result of speedy action by the Greeks during the past 36 hours.

The Italians have strenuously counter-attacked in the centre sector of the front but, according to the Greek spokesman, the extent of their successes can be measured by their own radio statement that they took three prisoners in these engagements.

Confusion In Back Areas

On the northern front snow is reported to be over three feet deep and in this sector the Greek advance has been slowed up.

Greek successes here are regarded as satisfactory in view of the fact that the Italians flung in most of their latest reinforcements in this sector.

Recently captured prisoners confirm reports of confusion in back areas behind the Italian front and, according to these prisoners, entire Italian units are out of touch with the Italian Higher Command. — Reuter.

T.V. SOONG MAY GO TO ENGLAND

MR. T. V. SOONG, FORMER FINANCE MINISTER, IS EXPECTED IN WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS IN CHUNGKING TO VISIT LONDON SHORTLY IN ORDER TO CONDUCT THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE NEW CREDITS TO CHINA WHICH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IT IS WILLING TO EXTEND.

The same quarters state that Mr. Soong is at present negotiating with the United States, presumably in connection with United States credits to China.

The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, is expected to remain in Chungking while the London negotiations are in progress. — Reuter.

FORGERY CHARGES

Cheung Shui was this morning sentenced to 12 months' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl Macgregor, when he pleaded guilty to possession of a number of forged banknotes.

Tang Cheuk and Cheng Hoi, were also charged with possession of a forged one dollar note of the Hong Kong Government.

Both at first pleaded guilty, but when asked why, in their statement, they had denied knowing the notes were forged, they revised their plea, and this was accepted by His Lordship.

Both were discharged as Mr. Murphy said the Crown felt that

VALUABLE RING STOLEN

Mrs. Glover, residing at No. 9C, Broom Road (off Blue Pool Road in Happy Valley), has reported the theft of a jade ring, valued at \$500, from her residence yesterday.

UNDESIRABLES SENTENCED

A number of life banishees were dealt with at the Criminal Sessions, which opened this morning, by the chief Justice, Sir Atholl Macgregor.

Li Kwei and Wong Sin were sentenced to two years' imprisonment and Lau Chung and Hon Ngan to a year's hard labour. Ying Wing was sentenced to 18 months.

there would not be sufficient evidence against them.

Chan Sang, who pleaded guilty to possession of a forged Hong Kong Bank \$10 note was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

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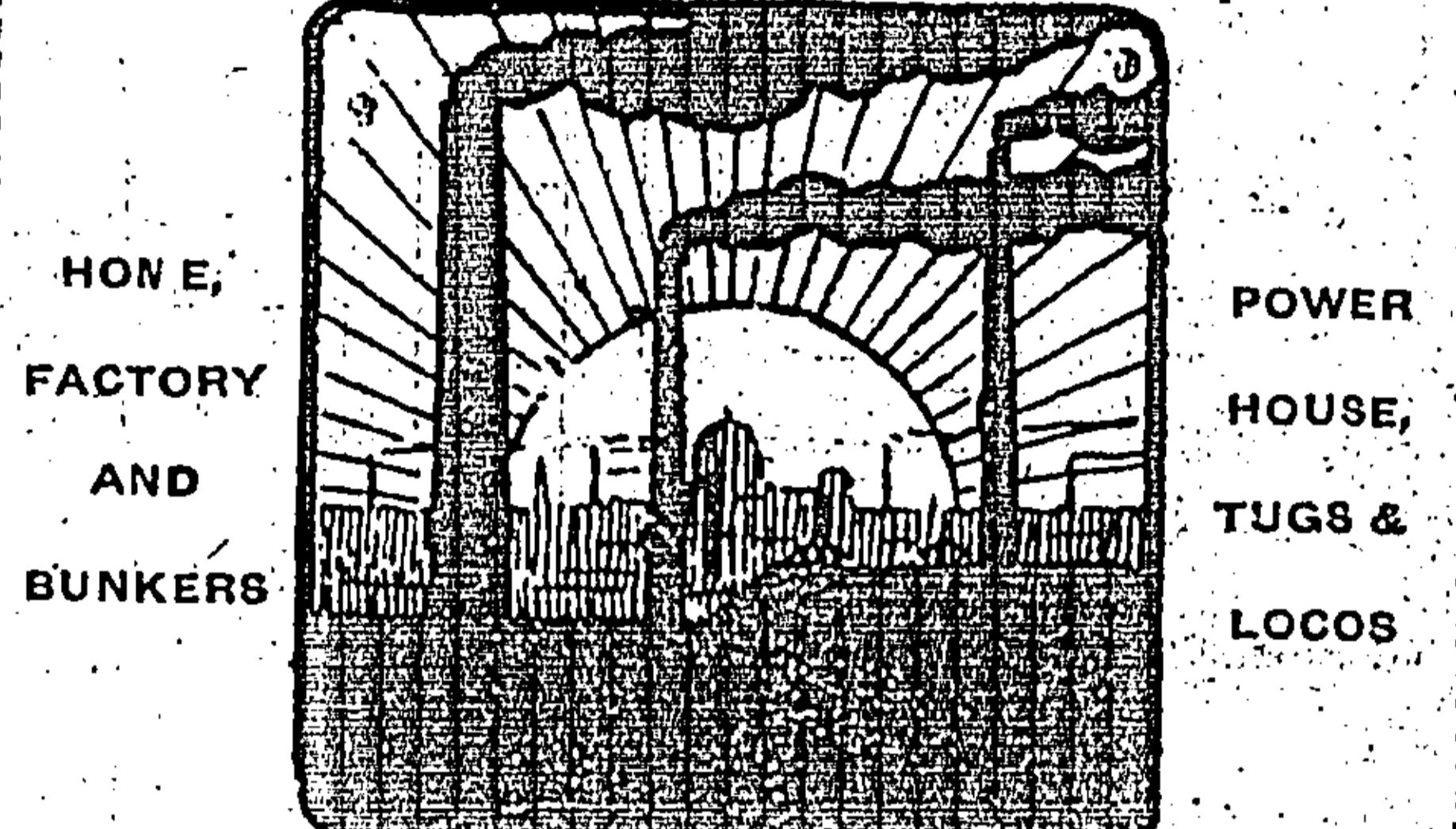
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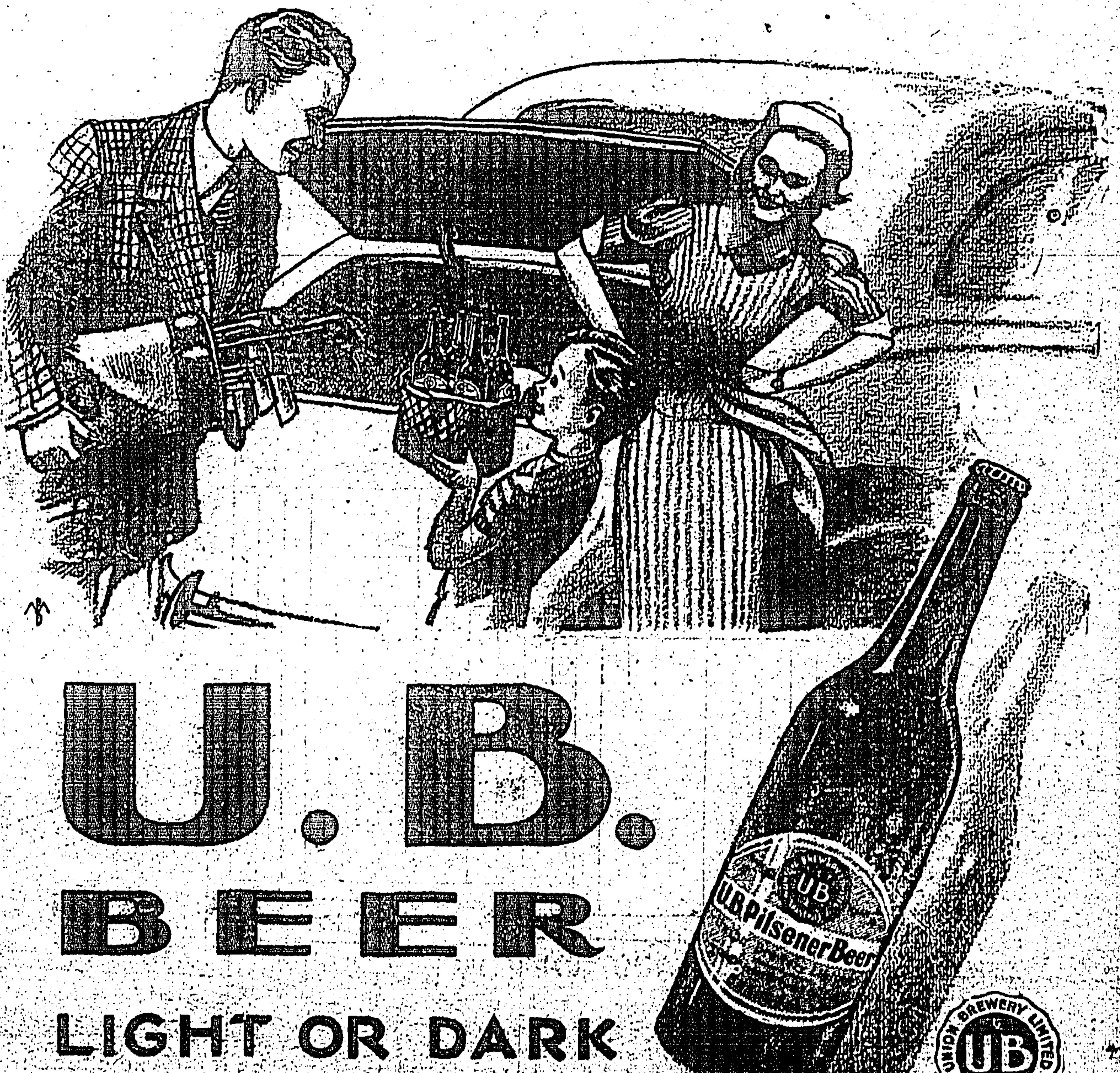
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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2333.	Junction of Un Chau St. & Cheung Fat St., Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 4,080	\$56

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2	Rural Building Lot No. 440.	Opposite the Blind Home, Pokfulam Road & South West of Rural Building Lot No. 324.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 15,300	\$112

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South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♦ A Q 10 9 5

♥ J 10 8 7

♦ 8 5

♦ J 3

N W E S

4 9 4 3

♦ K 10 6 2

3 K Q 6 2

A 8 7 2

♦ A Q J 9 3

♦ A 10 9 7 5

The bidding:
South West North East
10 Pass 14 22
34 Dbl. Pass Pass
54 Pass Pass

Pass

"As you can see," comments our correspondent, "four hearts would have been defeated if South had passed. As it was, South went for a 700-point ride at five clubs.

"You can probably imagine what North said to South about such a swing! But south said that North should have doubled four hearts to make sure that South didn't attempt a sacrifice. What's your verdict?"

Well, we think North ought to take up pinochle but that South might make a good golfer. North had a good, but fairly close, double of four hearts. But South had no right at all to sacrifice. His first two bids surely showed length in both minors; so North could have sacrificed if his hand warranted that course. The big point is that South had already told his full story and should have accepted North's pass as saying, "This is no time to sacrifice. Either I have hopes of beating four hearts, or the sacrifice will be too expensive."

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♦ A K J 4 2

♥ 5 4

♦ K 10 3 2

♣ K 6

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10 24 Dbl. 20What do you bid? (Answer
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A K Q 6 4 3

7 5 3

♦ 3

K 2



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CRICKET

TAMAR EASILY BEAT GUNNERS

At Sockupoo yesterday H.M.S. Tamar beat 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery, by 105 runs in a friendly game.

Going in first, Tamar lost their first wicket before a run was scored, but Whiteside and West put on 94 runs before Whiteside was bowled by Humphries for 32 which included four boundaries. West, who was then joined by Perkins, was bowled by Martin before there was any addition to the score.

West had scored 47 runs during which he found the ropes on nine occasions.

Boyes quickly knocked up 42 not out, thanks to five boundaries.

Only Captain Ingram for Artillery, was comfortable against the bowling of West and Allison. Ingram, opened the innings and stayed until the fall of the seventh wicket, scoring 39—finding the boundaries five times.

The only other Gunner to reach double figures was Martin with 26 not out.

West in his first two overs took 3 wickets for 5 runs.

H.M.S. TAMAR

Wilson, b Barsby	0
Whiteside, b Humphries	32
West, b Martin	47
Perkins, st. McCadden, b Dobbins	22
Brown, l.b.w., b Barsby	4
Honeywell, b Dobbins	19
Roughley, c and b Morgan	13
Allison, b Barsby	1
Hopkins, not out	13
Horgan, c Lawton, b Martin	4
Boyes not out	24
Extras (LB9, B14)	23
Total (for 9 wkt., dec.)	202

Bowling Analysis

	O. M. R.	W.
Barsby	9 0 56	3
Dobbins	8 0 57	2
Martin	5 0 26	2
Humphries	3 0 13	1
Morgan	2 0 17	1
Saunders	1 0 10	0

5TH A.A.R.A.

Ingram, c Perkins, b Brown	39
Dobbins, b West	0
Sidders, b West	1
Barsby, c Horgan, b Allison	0
Morgan, st. Hopkins, b All-	-

Bowling Analysis

	O. M. R.	W.
West	7 0 28	5
Allison	4 0 23	2
Brown	4 1 17	2
Horgan	2 0 20	0
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Total

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Humphreys, c Honeywell, b

Allison

9

McCadden, c Brown, b West

0

Martin, not out

26

Saunders, b Brown

0

Lawton, b Roughley

0

Kew, b West

7

Extras (B6, LB3)

9

Total

97

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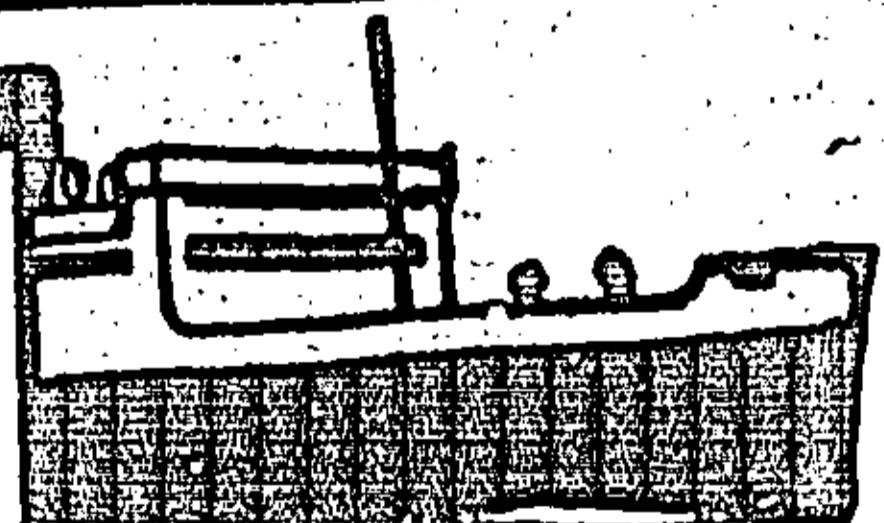
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12.30 p.m.—Vivian Ellis at the Piano.

12.40 p.m.—Geraldo and His Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Boccherini—Concerto in B Flat Major.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—John McCormack (Tenor) and the London Palladium Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—The Kentucky Minstrels; Whisper and I Shall Hear (Piccolomini); Solist: John Duncan.

The Song that Reached My Heart (Jordan); Solists: Gwen Calley & John Duncan.

Carry Me Back to Green Pastures (Popper); Solist: George James.

7.45 p.m.—Marcel Piatetti at the Organ.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—Stanley Holloway.

8.30 p.m.—Variety, with Robinson Clever and Patricia Rossborough, Los Allen (Baritone), The Eight Piano Symphony, Gertrude Lawrence, and The Big Four.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talks, Books & People.

9.45 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert & Sullivan.

10.10 p.m.—Variety, with London Symphony Orchestra, Webster Booth, Edith Lorand & Her Vienna Orchestra, Patricia Rossborough, Norman Long, Ethel Waters, and Arthur Askey.

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SOCER HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFEREE"

Eastern have only themselves to blame for being forced to share the points with Sing Tao on Sunday in their First Division Football League game, as they were the better team in the first half and for the greater part of the second period when they led by two clear goals, but over-confidence, causing their forwards to slacken, enabled Sing Tao to stage a remarkable recovery and force a draw. The equalising goal came in practically the last minute of the game.

This result places Sing Tao and South China on equal footing at the head of the table with Eastern a point behind. It will be another month before the ultimate champions can be forecast with some degree of certainty.

Though South China have obtained permission to visit Manila during February, it is understood that the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation are only prepared to entertain the best of the three Chinese teams. Eastern and Sing Tao are also negotiating for a visit there at the end of the football season.

At the end of the soccer season, Sing Tao are hoping to tour Australia via Manila. Negotiations are now proceeding.

It is gratifying to see that the Association have at last given several of the Junior players a chance in representative games, and it is hoped that they will justify their inclusion. It is hoped that Birrell and Shaw, of Engineers, will also soon be given a chance.

For the first time for many years, Royal Artillery will be represented in a Senior Competition, and with the wealth of talent available should be able to give Eastern a good game in their First Round Shield game.

The Chinese Amateur Sports Club, who have been admitted to the Junior Shield Competition will field a team composed of several players of the late Chinese Athletic Team. This team has been formed by old players of the Athletic Club, among whom are K. K. Ip, Leung Yuk-tong, Lam Yuk-ying, Ng Kam-chuen, and Lai Yuk-tat, all of whom were prominent in their days in local football.

It is probable that Hong Kong will have the opportunity of seeing two teams from Burma in action here at the end of the season. The Chinese Federation have obtained permission to invite a Burma Chinese football team in April and now the parent body in Burma hopes to visit Hong Kong about the same time.

Kowloon have sustained a great loss in that Williamson, their pivot, will be out of the game for the rest of the season. Williamson was almost a certainty for the pivotal position in the Interport game. His injury gives Bright a good chance for that position.

Kwong Wah registered the first win of the season when they defeated Club who were without Forrow, who was operated on last week for appendicitis.

The recent defeat, falling off from form of Air Force terminated in their defeat by International, though they had as much of the game. Hu Ka-keung and Bartlett, of Air Force, were all at sea in the forward line and lost several scoring opportunities.

Engineers, who are the only unbeaten team in the three Divisions made short work of Navy by winning by eight clear goals on Sunday. Sappers were not at full strength as Palmer and Chan Bun-po were absentees.

RECREIO CRICKET TEAMS

Recreio will hold an intra-Club cricket match to-morrow when a team comprising Volunteers will meet non-Volunteers at 2 p.m.

Volunteers:—A. V. Gosano (Captain), P. M. N. da Silva, L. G. Gosano, J. M. Gosano, G. N. Gosano, M. A. Remedios, F. J. Remedios, A. E. Noronha, B. T. Gosano, A. P. Pereira, J. C. Fonseca. Non-Volunteers:—E. L. Gosano (Captain), H. L. Ozorio, W. A. Reed, E. M. L. Soares, A. M. Prata, N. A. Beltrao, E. A. R. Alves, H. A. Barros, V. A. Soares, A. A. Lopez, A. M. Bento.

SUCCESSFUL WING PLAY

ON HOW TO PLAY SOCCER

By "Referee"

N first class football, successful wing play depends upon a variety of intelligent, planned movements to outwit and baffle the opposing defence. It is wrong to think mere speed on the part of the winger is the only essential to success. A smart turn of speed at the psychological moment is vital in raiding, but speed without effective ball-control is useless. It is not the picturesque runner on the wing who makes for success, but what that player with his speed can do to initiate movements that bring goals to his side.

In the first place, to be successful at wing play, one has to make a study of the fine art of raiding; not rushing down the touchline with the opposing wing-half in full cry, but a deliberate movement to draw off the defence in your direction and allowing the inside forwards the chance of taking up a scoring position.

All this has to be sized-up when on the run down the wing, and if one's anticipation is not justified, and the opposing defence refuse to lose their positions of control over the other forwards, then it is a matter of ball-control, a dead stop, and a direct move towards the centre position, leaving the inside man to take one's place hoping the wing-half will be decoyed from his position. It often happens in a manoeuvre of this type that the wing man finds himself temporary centre-forward, and heading direct for goal. Should his movement succeed and the defence immediately give chase, a deft touch of the ball at the right moment is given to the opposite unmarked wing player who has anticipated the movement and taken up a scoring position.

The successful wing player is also completely in harmony with the play of his immediate inside man and the supporting wing-half-back, and on occasions, especially in attack, he might have to exchange place with either one of them at a moment's notice. He should know and judge to a foot just where to pass the ball, to the side-forward or supporting half-back.

There is much in this triangular play leading to ultimate success, especially as it makes for progress goalwards, and is almost certain to entangle the opposing defence. The danger of such play is inaccurate backward passing; the least misplacement of a backward passed ball might mean it going to an opposing forward who would have the chance of dashing away as the defence would be well-up the field supporting the attack.

Strategists Of A Team In Many Respects

Is it the wing player's job to score goals? Certainly, if he has the chance, which is rare. His play should lead up to goal-getting. From his play, more so than from any other member of the team, are goals supposed to come. His craft is feeding the inside-forwards with deft, accurate passes, and seeing they are in scoring position before he parts with the ball and placing it on the right side of the opposing backs so that they are always "on-side" in play. His work is also "forcing" corners, thus creating a chance of scoring from the scramble in front of goal resulting from an accurately placed kick.

The successful wing player is the advancing raider of his team's attack. Upon him depends much of the ultimate success of the game; his speed, his accurate ball-control, his deft centring and well-timed passing. His genius in attempting to draw the defence to gain time for his inside-forwards to position for goal-scoring, and his initiative and courageous boldness in a solo effort when he sees the inside men are far too well-marked, make him the strategist of the team. Successful wing play in modern football is responsible for many well-merited victories.

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SOFTBALL TEAMS

The following will represent Cyclones and Indians in the Softball League.

CYCLONES

A. R. Razack (Capt.), "Kelly" Silva

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do, M. B. Hassan, A. R. Marker, Al-

fred Abbas and A. M. Omar.

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A. K. Omar (Capt.), S. Hamid, A.

H. Ismail, A. R. Abu, K. Naserin,

O. Al-Arculli, Hukkai, Kitchell, M. Al-

Arculli, A. D. Hassan and T. Ali.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

J. A. VASKO, veteran Duck Pin Bowler of U.S.A. Tulsa bagged a brilliant 156 last Thursday. His score sheet showed that he made five spares on his third, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth frames, and then struck out with three beautiful strikes in succession (almost a ten pins score). I believe the best of three strikes in a row has only been accomplished three times before in these Alleys. However, 156 is not the record for the Alleys. Mrs. E. Soong holds the record with 168 established in March, 1939. Corp. H. Blount of the Royal Corps of Signals, being next best with 148 made last month, and Spr. J. R. Fawcett third with 157 made in November, 1939.

On the same day a keen five game Duck Pins match was played between Tulsa and a representative team from the Alleys. This match resulted in a win for Tulsa by 159 pins. Following were the results:

U.S.S. Tulsa	Alley Team
K. E. Bellor	518
J. E. Vasko	499
O. F. Drewes	486
A. A. Borg	484
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Bellor, for Tulsa, was the star bowler of this match. He made a very useful 512 or an average of almost 104 pins per game, and also netted three good scores of over 100, a 103 on his second game, 118 on his third game and a 104 on his fourth game.

Blount, for the Alley Team, was second top scorer with 500, but registered only one score of 100 or over, a 129 on his fourth game, this being the highest individual score of the match.

Vasko, for Tulsa, was also down on his usual efforts in match games, he was very close behind Blount with 499 in his bag, another pin would have made him exactly 500 pins.

Up to time of writing, the number of entries for the Singles Handicap Ten Pin Competition are no fewer than 60.

The Handicaps and Draw for the First Round will be published later. The records for Duck Pins and Ten Pins for the month of November are as follows:

Naval Ratings Middles

Chandler	244	K. M. Teare	237
Williamson	226	P. Murray-Jones	200
Murphy	222	J. G. Roe	183
Cowper	193	A. C. O'Riordan	169
	887		777

Chandler Outstanding

Chandler, for Naval Ratings, was top scorer with 244. This was followed very closely by Midshipman Teare with 237. He might have done better had he not made a lowly 98 in his second game. There was very little between Williamson, Murphy and Cowper for the Ratings, Williamson scored 226, and incidentally had the highest individual score of the match. He made 131 on his first game, but collapsed in his second to make a poor 95.

Murphy, for the Naval Ratings, made 222, while Cowper also of Naval Ratings was lowest score for 98 pins per game.

Another good Duck Pins score was put up in the Alleys on Thursday by Geo. Roach, of Naval Dockyard, when he bagged a brilliant 136, scoring four spares and a strike.

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TEN PINS

Ladies'—Mrs. W. Lowe	177
Men's—H. P. Neale	247

DUCK PINS

Ladies'—Mrs. E. Stevenson	122
Men's—S. H. Neale	148

Neale, therefore, has his name engraved on Watson's Shield, and receives an engraved replica and a supply of Tiger Beer.

FIVE GOALS FOR AULD

Following are the Sunday Golf starting times at Fanling.

OLD COURSE

9.18 a.m. T. G. C. Knight, G. T. Harrington

9.20 D. Black, P. C. Jackson, A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen
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9.28 L. Goldham, A. Mabb, G. R. Horridge, J. Hackney, J. G. Jensen, P. V. McLean
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9.40 J. Linaker, G. Thomerson, F. A. Howard, F. Groves, A. H. Guinness, R. Challinor, J. Brownlow, D. Cochran, S. L. Lloyd, T. Megarry, A. D. Humphreys, I. H. Gaze

10.04 J. Hart Davis, B. Stock, H. A. Mills, Major Temple, Way, Anderson

10.12 B. Young, J. C. Taylor, G. M. Park, N. D. Lloyd, Surg. Cdr. Cleave, Surg. Lt. Cdr. Page

10.30 T. E. Pearce, M. A. Annett

NEW COURSE

9.24 a.m. B. and S. v. Dodwell and Co.
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9.23 B. and S. v. Dodwell and Co.

9.32 B. and S. v. Dodwell and Co.

9.44 D. D. Forbes, H. T. Somers

10.10 F. Morrison, R. R. Davies

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AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

ANYONE'S RACE

Eve Of Harvest Seems Logical Choice

O-Lan Will Offer Strong Challenge: Burford And Clember Also In The Hunt

By "Rapier"

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING, TO BE HELD TO-MORROW AT THE VALLEY, WILL RING DOWN THE CURTAIN ON THE 1940 RACING SEASON OF HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. WITH THE COMPLETION OF TO-MORROW'S MEETING IT WILL MEAN THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR OF MOST ENJOYABLE RACING, AND I ANTICIPATE THAT, WITH THE FINE WEATHER NOW PREVAILING, A RECORD CROWD WILL PROBABLY TURN OUT TO WITNESS THE TERMINATION OF THE RACING YEAR.

The two Autumn Champions will form the main attraction in a programme of eight events, and keen racing should be the order of the day. Entries in connection with the two Champions events are post entries, so much so that likely starters are not known, and my comments are, therefore, based on the presumption that the ponies named will participate.

Messrs. D. Black and L. B. Chao are in the most favourable position, both having scored 29 wins, so that an extra win for either will make all the difference. Next comes Mr. P. Y. T. Wei, who has 24 wins to his credit. It will be seen, therefore, that a very close race for honours will ensue.

Lilliber (Mr. Chao).

Humdrum Eve, since winning the Mount Davis Handicap over this distance in 1.55.0, has not been in the picture for a long time, but should it produce the same form as when it won the above race it should have a big say at the finish. Kentucky has only appeared twice in racing, the first time being when it won the Norfolk Handicap (First Section) for "C" Class ponies under Mr. Chiu Ki-fan. It won so comfortably that it was immediately promoted to "B" Class, and although it ran un-

placed at the last meeting, in the St. Andrew's Stakes over 1½ miles, I am going to select it for a win.

There is Lilliber, however, to be considered. It was second to Conquering Time in the Sussex Handicap, when it lost by a short head over six furlongs.

Taking every factor into consideration, however, I think Kentucky should win with Lilliber second and Humdrum Eve third.

RACE NO. 1—TARDY HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This event is confined to "C" Class China ponies that have started at least two Extra Meetings during 1940, with winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred. Triumphant Day, ridden by Mr. Sung, came in second to Piccadilly Jim in the Canobie Lea Handicap over two miles, and it has been penalised 1 lb. It will be taken out to-morrow by Mr. Tao, its original jockey, and will probably be in big demand in view of its last performance.

Devonian (Mr. Hearne), after its defeat at the hands of the above pony with Mr. Black up at the last meeting, will probably find the mile to its liking and stands a very good chance of redeeming itself by winning this race.

Crifel (Mr. Black), winner of the New Bridge Handicap (about half mile 155 yards) should not be disregarded as this pony is good enough to win again.

Tornado Star, which ran unplaced with Mr. Hearne up in the above race against Triumphant Day, will have a change of jockey in Mr. Craven but, judging by that run, it can be left alone.

Vixen Tor, if taken out by a strong jockey, should be well up in view of its light weight of 142 lb.

A Great Time (Mr. Wei) has not done anything of note as yet, and may spring a surprise when least expected.

I expect Devonian to win with Triumphant Day second and Crifel third.

RACE NO. 4—HONG KONG CHAMPIONS: 1½ MILES

This is the first Champions race of the afternoon and is confined to China ponies that have started in at least two Extra meetings since January 1, 1940, winners at Extra meetings of this Club 1940 only, and weight for inches as per scale.

For this classic, I believe Mr. T. K. Li will be represented by Confusion Bay (Mr. Sung) and O-Lan (Mr. Needa). Other entries will probably include Burford (Mr. Black), Eve of Harvest (Mr. Davis), Clember (Mr. Chao) and Craigavon (Mr. Wei).

The obvious choice seems to be Eve of Harvest, owing to its win in the October Handicap over this distance with Mr. Black up. O-Lan, however, must not be disregarded as Mr. Needa handles this pony perfectly, and I honestly believe that it has more than an outside chance. On the other hand, there are Binsford, the champion, and Clember, both to be reckoned with, although they suffered leg trouble during the Summer recess. They are now well tuned up for this great race, however, and should give the above two ponies a great battle.

Regarding Confusion Bay and Craigavon, I am afraid they can be left alone. A great race should ensue, with the result in doubt up to the very end.

RACE NO. 5—LAGGARD'S HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," in which "C" Class Australian Subscription ponies that have started at least two Extra Meetings during 1940, with winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred, will figure.

Venus Bay (Mr. Needa) has again been given top-weight of 163 lb., and in view of its last two disappointing runs, when it came in third in the Newcastle Handicap and then ran unplaced in the

Lengholm Handicap, both sprint events and for which it was made hot favourite, I don't know what to think of this pony, but in my estimation it should have no difficulty to-morrow in redeeming its past failures, even with that burden. Should it fall again, however, I look to Warrego River (Mr. Black), which was third in the Queensland Handicap, to win this race.

There is also Cockleroi (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), which has been a source of disappointment to its owner lately, but it may be worth following for a place, if not a win.

Bredon (Mr. Chattey), if it can be held back over the first half, should have a say in the finish, but otherwise I cannot see it winning.

My nomination is Venus Bay for first position, with Warrego River second and Cockleroi third.

RACE NO. 6—QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONS: 1½ MILES

This is the second Champions race of the afternoon and is confined to Australian Subscription ponies that have started at least two Extra Meetings during 1940, with winners since January 1, 1940, in Extra Meetings only.

I expect to see the following facing the starter:

Sapper (Mr. Davis)

Far View (Mr. P. P. Botelho)

Baffin Bay (Mr. Needa)

Viceroy (Mr. Black)

Amicus Curiae (Mr. Chao)

Lancashire Chips (Mr. Wei).

In view of the easy manner in which Sapper won the Fremantle St. Leger, there is no shadow of doubt that it will win.

The only pony capable of extending Mrs. Grasett's pony is Baffin Bay, belonging to Mr. T. K. Li, which at the last meeting just scraped home to the Jeddart Handicap by beating Lancashire Chips (Mr. Treverton up) by a short head and so qualified for this race.

This pony defeated Sapper in the Australian Ponies' Champions by two lengths, when Messrs. Hearne and Encarnacao were the two respective jockeys, and although it qualified so late, it does not mean that it is not good enough to win.

Far View made a very poor show in the Fremantle St. Leger, running unplaced, and unless it can produce some of its old form to-morrow over this shorter distance it will probably be unplaced again.

Viceroy, conqueror of Baffin Bay in the New South Wales Handicap over the two-mile post distance, has been nursed to concert pitch for this race, but, although it has the service of the potential 1940 champion jockey, I doubt if it can do better than place.

Amicus Curiae, which is noted as a long distance racer, has been improving over medium distances, so much so that I think it will give the above ponies a good fight in this race.

Lancashire Chips has also shown that it is dependable for places and may pop up again for a place to-morrow.

I nominate Sapper to win, with Baffin Bay second and Viceroy third.

RACE NO. 7—LINGERER'S HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and will be contested by "D" Class Australian Subscription ponies that have started at least two Extra Meetings during 1940, with winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred.

Although it would appear that the winner could be selected from only a few of the entries, I doubt whether picking the ultimate winner will be easy after all.

Quick Dispatch (Mr. Black) was second to Maple Star unofficially in the Linkumdoddie Handicap, a Novice race in which Mr. Cooper was the rider, and for that reason it has been asked to carry another 5 lb., but this should not handicap its chances at all, and if it does not bore out again it stands a very good chance of annexing this race.

Rooftop has gone up 3 lb. in weight and, as it will be taken out by Mr. Needa, it will give the above pony a good run for first position.

Rising Star (Mr. Chang) has come down in weight by 2 lb. since its last run, when it ran unplaced and, with the distance 151 yards shorter, it should be well up at the finish.

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TWO CLUB CHANGES FOR TO-MORROW

Following will represent Club in their Quadrangular Rugby Tournament game against Police at Boundary Street to-morrow at 4 p.m.:

Thompson; Bosanquet, Carruthers, Day and Stewart; Aitkenhead and Thomson; Macrae, Burford, Heasman; Needham, Hackett; Godfrey, Taylor and Kennedy.

Charter is still on the injured list and Gairdner is nursing an injured ear.

Referees

Following are the referees to-morrow:

Police v Club at Boundary Street at 4 p.m.—Major E. J. Curran.

Army "A" v Club "A" at Causeway Bay at 2.45 p.m.—Lt. J. R. Pirie.

Army v Navy at Causeway Bay at 4 p.m.—S. G. Davies.

RACING

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Colorado Star (Mr. Davis) may also find the distance to its liking and, with only 138 lb. to carry, it should be dangerous.

Longdon (Mr. Chatley) will have 5 lb. allowance, and in view of its performance at the last meeting, before it was interfered with by Quick Despatch in the home stretch, when coming up strongly, it may place again. My choice is Quick Despatch to win with Royal second and Rising Star third.

RACE 8—FINAL HANDICAP: ONE MILE

The last race of the day and the year is confined to "D" Class China ponies that have started at least two Extra Meetings during 1940, winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred.

Sunlight View (Mr. Wei) has been given top weight of 168 lb. and I think we can leave it out.

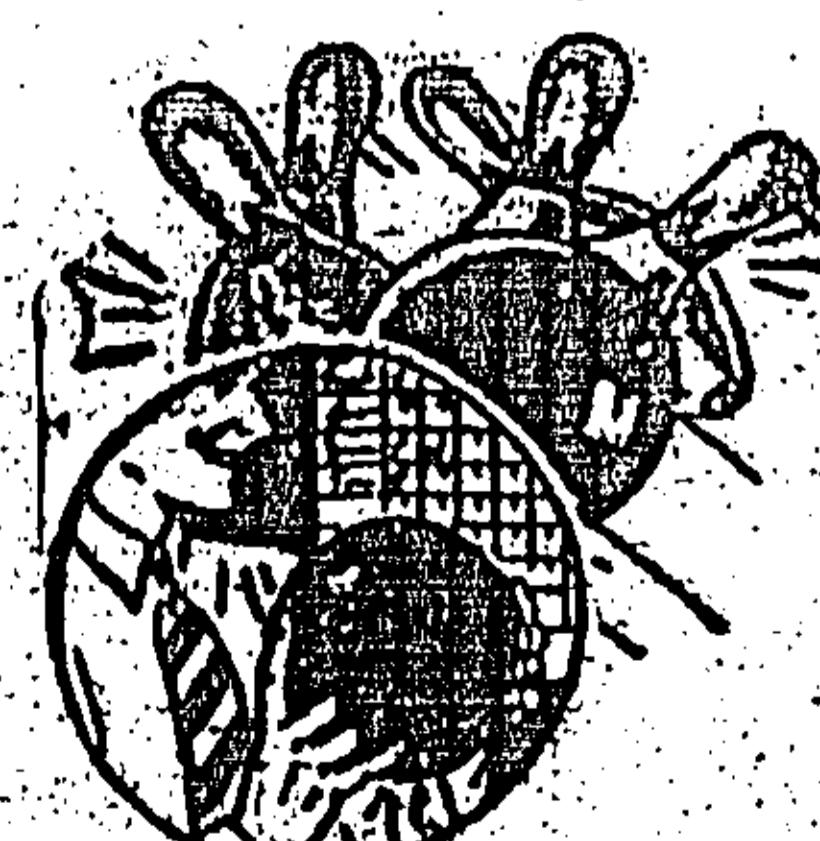
Eve of Peace (Mr. Davis) has been entered on several previous occasions, but it has not yet made an appearance since coming in second to its stablemate, Eve of Dancing, in the Carnarvon Stakes, and judging from that performance it should not have any difficulty in accounting for this event.

Piet Hein (Mr. P. P. Botelho) showed fine form when it came in second to Valorous in the Castle Peak Handicap (second section) over six furlongs, and it should give a good account of itself, if it does not win.

Salvage Master (Mr. Tao) was third to Piet Hein in the above race and it may do better over a longer distance.

For an outsider I recommend Royal Highness (Mr. Ip Kui-ying). This pony is in fine fettle at the moment and may cause an upset here.

Eve of Peace is my nomination for the first position, with Piet Hein and Salvage Master fighting it out for the minor position.



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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

In the Garrison Billiards League Medics are still undefeated, their latest victims being the Military Police and the Royal Scots whom they beat by 5 games to 2 on Wednesday.

Following results are of games played from December 5th to December 9th.

Royal Scots beat C. M. Police 5-2, Royal Engineers beat R.A.P.C. 4-3, Signals beat 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. 5-2, Royal Scots beat R.A.S.C. 5-2, and R.A.M.C. beat C. M. Police 5-2.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.
R.A.M.C.	10	10	0	59	11
Royal Scots	8	6	2	35	21
Royal Engineers	7	4	3	30	19
Signals	8	3	5	27	29
R.A.P.C.	6	4	2	23	19
C. M. Police	9	2	7	20	43
12th Hvy. Regt.	5	1	4	11	24
5th A.A. Regt.	6	2	4	11	31
R.A.O.C.	4	1	3	10	18

In the Soldiers' Club tournament, First Round, the following games have been played.

H.Q. Coy. Royal Scots	beat	22nd (F) Coy. R.E.	by 211 points.
H.Q. Coy. R. Scots	22nd (F) Coy. R.E.	C.S.M. Bartlett	139
Pte. Hastic	200	Spr. Ratcliffe	200
Pte. Gordon	220	Spr. Sheldrake	171
Sgt. Crichton	176	Spr. Dohain	200
Pte. Fowler	200	Cpl. Belson	150
Cpl. Octon	200	Spr. Monaghan	154
Pte. Blackie	200	Spr. Crittenden	187
Sgt. Clark	200	Spr. Simmone	83

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R.A.M.C. beat "B" Coy. Royal Scots by 486 points.

R.A.M.C.	"D" Coy.	R. Scots	133
Pte. Whybrow	200	Pte. Nicbet	174
Cpl. Nicholls	180	Cpl. Duncan	174
Sgt. Webb	200	Pte. Huth	200
S/S. Terran	200	Pte. Clark	101
Pte. Home	200	L/C. Groves	64
Sgt. Wyre	200	Pte. Bell	69
Lieut. Dixon	200	Pte. Prose	128
		Pte. Plummer	187
		Break of 44	

On Wednesday R.A.P.C. beat the Signals by 4 games.

	R.A.P.C.		R.A.P.C.
S.Q.M.S. Sayers	92	S/Sgt. James	150
Sgt. Pearson	150	Sgt. Chalcraft	110
Cpl. Blount	150	S/Sgt. Adam	142
Sgt. Lilley	150	Sgt. Norrell	129
Sgt. Allen	109	S/Sgt. Carden	150
Sgt. Sproul	66	Sgt. Murray	150

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The H.K.V.D.C. did well in their first game in the Soldiers' Club Tournament by beating the "C" Coy. Royal Scots by eight clear games of 1600 points to 1001 points.

The Silver Shield for competition in Area Billiards has been presented by Messrs. J. A. Windsor and Co. and not by Messrs. Windsor Bros as mentioned last week.

In the First Round of the Senior Shield Middlesex have been drawn against Sing Tao, and I think they will be able to account for them this time.

Association Football

The Royal Scots have got a bye into the Second Round. The combined Royal Artillery have been drawn against the Eastern Athletic team in the First Round, and we wish them luck.

LIFE SAVING AWARDS

Examinations for the Bronze Medalion and Instructor's Certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society were held recently under Q.M.S. I. Facy, and resulted successfully for the Bronze Medallion:

L/Sgt. Davidson, L/Cpl. T. Rawlins,

L/Cpl. J. Casey, L/Bdr. T. Lear, L/Bdr.

J. Jones, L/Bdr. R. McNulty, L/Bdr.

K. Ainsworth, L/Cpl. W. Pitcher,

L/Cpl. L. Parry, Cpl. F. Thebker,

L/Cpl. C. Williamson, L/Cpl. R. Hunt,

Cpl. J. Murphy, Sgmn. W. Golding and Pte. D. Stevens.

Pte. A. Davidson secured the 1st Class Instructor's Badge.

At Causeway Bay on Saturday

Army are playing the Navy in the Quadrangular tournament which will be the deciding game of the tournament as both sides are level at the top of the League and it should be well worth watching.

5TH A.A., R.A. "A" team are leading the Hong Kong Hockey League by two points with the Engineers second

Hockey having played four

games and won all.

The Gunners have played six

games and won five. I think that

the Engineers will win this League

although Police "A" and Recrelo

are still unbeaten but will have

to be at their best to beat these

two teams.

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY PROGRAMME

Following is the programme of Sunday hockey games and the umpires:

Police "A" v University

(Police ground, 10.30 a.m.)

Umpires: T. A. Tyas and W. Wathen.

Police "B" v Khalsa

(Police ground, 11.45 a.m.)

Umpires: T. A. Tyas and W. Wathen.

A. N. Other's XI v 5th A.A. "B"

("B" ground, 10.30 a.m.)

Umpires: L. Coombe and E. Vasco.

M.T.B. v 5th A.A. "A"

(Navy ground, King's Park, 4 p.m.)

Umpires: J. T. K. Gilchrist and G. Gorman.

CHUNG WAH'S BADMINTON WIN

Playing on the opponents' court, Chung Wah defeated Club de Recreio in a "B" Division Badminton League game on Wednesday, by 7 games to 2.

C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)

beat E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich..... 21-19

lost to A. E. Xavier and R. M. Soares..... 19-21

beat P. Botelho and A. E. Noronha..... 21-19

S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)

beat Alves and Yvanovich..... 21-19

beat Xavier and Soares..... 21-19

beat Botelho and Noronha..... 21-19

W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)

lost to Alves and Yvanovich..... 21-21

beat Xavier and Soares..... 21-19

beat Botelho and Noronha..... 23-20

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GRAZIANI'S ARMIES RECEIVE MORTAL BLOW

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'NEUTRAL' AID TO HUN U-BOATS?

An allegation that German submarines are being provisioned off the shores of Cuba by ships of a neutral country calling at Havana was made in the Cuban House of Representatives yesterday.

The allegation was made by Senor Chibas, in a speech supporting a motion to send Congressional felicitations to President Roosevelt on his re-election.

Senor Chibas accused "Fifth Columnists" of attacking the diplomatic residence of a great friendly power and stealing documents from there.

Senor Chibas did not name the friendly power concerned.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is decreasing in intensity and is moving eastward.

Pressure is highest over the Eastern Sea and South Japan and is relatively low over the South China Sea.

The position of the typhoon is uncertain; it is probably situated midway between Manila and Guam, moving westward.

Grim Choice Before Mussolini

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE CRUSHING BLOWS INFILCTED ON MUSSOLINI'S ARMIES IN AFRICA ARE CALCULATED TO HAVE AN ALMOST DECISIVE EFFECT UPON THE COURSE OF THE WAR.

The Italian fleet must now either accept battle or the Duce's legionaries in North Africa can be considered lost.

Their offensive power has been destroyed at one fell blow while the menace to the Nile Valley no longer exists.

The effects of the Italian defeat will be felt politically not only in Europe but all over the East.

Japan must now have cause to reconsider her hasty action in joining the Tri-Partite Pact.

Even assuming that violent domestic reactions do not upset the Fascist regime, it is unlikely the Duce will get much help from Germany, and Japanese aid can be ruled out. Indeed, the question may arise whether the Pact holds if one of the parties collapses?

The effect of the Italian reverse will be most inspiring in the Balkans.

New Spirit

The Greeks will be encouraged to further acts of valour and the extent of the help Britain is

able to give may be increased, while Yugoslavia's hands will be strengthened, the wisdom of Turkish policy justified and Axis propaganda in Bulgaria will suffer a severe setback.

The many friends of Britain in France will derive fresh hope and encouragement from this British victory.

It will increase France's value in German eyes but will make Laval's policy more unpopular and distasteful among French people in general and the Army in particular.—Reuter.

Kent Air Battle

Four British fighters shot down three German aircraft yesterday morning when small formations of enemy fighters and fighter-bombers crossed the Kent coast flying towards London.

The raiders dropped a small number of bombs on the outskirts of the London area, the Air Ministry announces.

The bombs did little damage and caused only a few casualties.

One German bomber was also shot down off the southwest coast yesterday morning, and one was destroyed during Wednesday night.

In all these operations British fighters suffered no loss.—Reuter.

CIVIL DEFENCE ENTHUSIASM

The work of the Civil Defence Services has been an inspiration to the young people of Britain and they are anxious to prepare themselves to undertake such duties as are laid before them.

The Home Secretary, replying to a Parliamentary question yesterday, stated that Civil Defence cadet units had been formed in Liverpool and other parts of the country. He welcomed the formation of these units, he said, as encouraging the spirit of neighbourly cooperation.—British Wireless.

TWO MONTHS FOR KEEPING LETTERS

Pleading guilty to a charge of unlawful possession of two letters on November 21, Lam Chung was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Criminal Session this morning.

Defendant's excuse was that he was very busy and had made the mistake of keeping the letters at home. He had no intention of stealing them.



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General Smuts, the South African Premier, according to press messages, has sent the following message to General Wavell: "Hearty congratulations on your brilliant success in the Western Desert — an acceptable Christmas box and a fine augury for the future of Middle East campaigns." — British Wireless.

NINE MONTHS FOR CARRYING ARMS

Lau Fan was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment when he pleaded guilty to possession of one revolver and six rounds of ammunition at Taipo on November 20.

STOP PRESS

GRAVE INDO-CHINA TURMOIL

Serious disturbances in Indo-China were mentioned by the announcer on Lyons radio last night.

He said that clashes had occurred recently in Saigon and in seven provinces between the armed forces and demonstrators said to be Communists.

It was added that damage was done to civil administrative and private buildings. A number of bridges were destroyed and communications cut.

Order was restored by soldiers, police and marines but there were wounded on both sides.

Measures taken by the local Government, the announcer concluded, have resulted in the suppression of these "subversive movements"—Reuter.

GARAGE ENTERED

Mr. Y. C. Kwan, residing at No. 105, Robinson Road, has reported that some person broke into his garage last night and stolen a quantity of brass valued at \$95.

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